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Do You Believe? Some say that children are the only ones who can easily see the “fairy doors” which have appeared for the second time in two years in enchanted spots along 24th Street. So Phoenix Books employee Haley Duke must be among the lucky adults. Here she reveals a tiny portal that was discovered in September on a shelf in the store’s book cart.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

Pair of Parklets To Sprout Soon On 24th Street

By Heather World

It’s official—the city is moving forward with plans to install parklets in front of Martha & Bros. Coffee and Just for Fun on 24th Street, with construction scheduled to begin in mid-November.

Riyad Ghannam of RG Architecture said both sites would look the same: red metal bistro tables and chairs surrounded by foot-wide steel planters nearly three feet tall, laced together by stainless-steel cable railing.

“The idea is to create a landscaped buffer between the space and the adjacent parking and cars,” said Ghannam, who also designed the city’s first parklet on Divisadero Street between Hayes and Grove. The materials are high quality, durable, and easy to maintain while still being relatively inexpensive, he said.

Just for Fun co-owner David Eiland said his initial fears about the design were put to rest when he saw preliminary plans.

“It really is going to feel like a park because there will be a lot of green, a lot of plants,” said Eiland, who has already

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Twice Upon a Time, Fairies Tiptoe Into Noe

By Nicole Wong

A new and unexpected demographic has moved into Noe Valley. They are a small, mischievous group, occupying property without lawful permission. They are said to have wings, pointy ears, and sparkle.

Fairies have come to Noe Valley. Their homes, marked by tiny “fairy door” entrances, have been popping up in unusual places along 24th Street.

“My daughter and I were walking along 24th Street, and bam, there they were,” said Mike Adamick. He and daughter Emmeline first noticed the small

wooden doors in April of 2009. Adamick posted photos and descriptions of the portals on his parenting blog *Cry It Out*, though soon after, the doors vanished.

But in early September, almost a year and a half later, the fairy doors returned, in new locations and with new designs. At most, there were five doors sighted at once; in late October, fairy followers could find only three.

One tiny door sits in the minipark in the public parking lot between Noe and

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Parklet Preview: As envisioned by San Francisco architect Riyad Ghannam, the two parklets arriving on 24th Street this month for a six-month trial will have space for tables and chairs and greenery-filled planters to buffer pedestrians from traffic.

Courtesy RG Architecture



“¡Vamos, Gigantes!” The students at Mission Education Center were giddy with excitement when Giants pitcher Jeremy Affeldt (right), Hall-of-Famer Juan Marichal, and Roberto Clemente’s family visited their Noe Street school on Thursday, Oct. 28, the second day of the World Series. The baseball stars told the kids—in both Spanish and English—that “anything is possible” if you study hard and follow your dreams.

Photo by Nojib Joe Flokim

City May Let Residents Block Ugly Antennas

By Corrie M. Anders

Residents in Noe Valley and other neighborhoods have complained for years about what they perceive as the stealth proliferation of cell phone antennas on public utility poles.

City Hall is hearing them now.

A public hearing will be held this month on a proposed Board of Supervisors ordinance that would make it more difficult for cell phone companies to install wireless antenna equipment in

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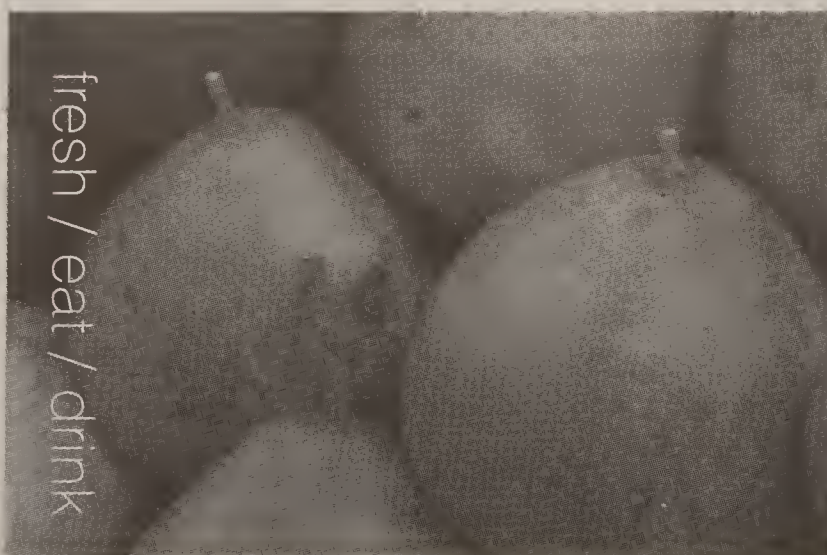


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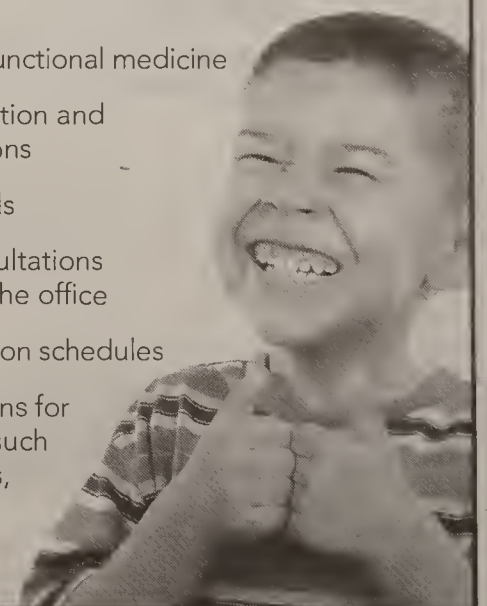
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A Local Gem Parents Two Jewels

When we think of personalities that define the merchant community in Noe Valley (and we can't deny having some favorites), one who stands out in our view but doesn't get much press is Jenny Jensen, manager of the 24th Street Gallery of Jewels for the past four years. Her friendly and knowledgeable manner has been helping many a Noe Valleyan find the perfect gift of jewelry for themselves or a loved one. But that may not be her most important contribution to Noe society. She and husband Colby, former residents of Bernal Heights, are the proud parents of 6-year-old Rubi (the Danish spelling) and relative newcomer Anders. Rubi likes to create jewelry at home with her mom, and loves coming to the store. At this time, Anders would probably eat the jewelry if given the choice.

Hammock Style. Anders at 16 months with big sister Rubi.

Piles of Pies

We weigh six pounds more than we did at this time last year and the Noe Valley Bakery is looking on it as *our* issue to deal with. Something about whatever calories are not used are stored. If that's so true, why aren't they located close to Cardio-Tone or Fit Lite? Oh. Well, there must be someone else to blame then.

Falling Back

Sometimes we wish we were in Arizona. Losing an hour as daylight savings time ends never seems like a good idea as we look up from our computer screens and it's not just getting dark, it *is* dark. It's of some comfort that our Giants are champions of the world. But after the parade, the next time we see them will probably be in Arizona.



Photo Excellence

Photo Editor Pamela Gerard tells us that the Henri Cartier-Bresson show which just opened at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is stunning (our Leo Holub would've been at the front of the line) and is a must-see. Her report:

Here's something wonderful to do with visiting friends and family over the holidays. Hop on the J streetcar and get away to the wonderful, art-filled, white-walled rooms at SFMOMA (151 Third Street) to view a selection of photos by Henri Cartier-Bresson. You'll be transported to another time and lots of other places as you gaze on these masterpieces.

There's also another great photo show at SFMOMA called "Exposed." Very interesting and thought-provoking but not one you will want to take the kiddies too.

Here are the show titles and dates. We might see you there. One viewing is not enough.

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Photo by Pamela Gerard

Henri Cartier-Bresson:
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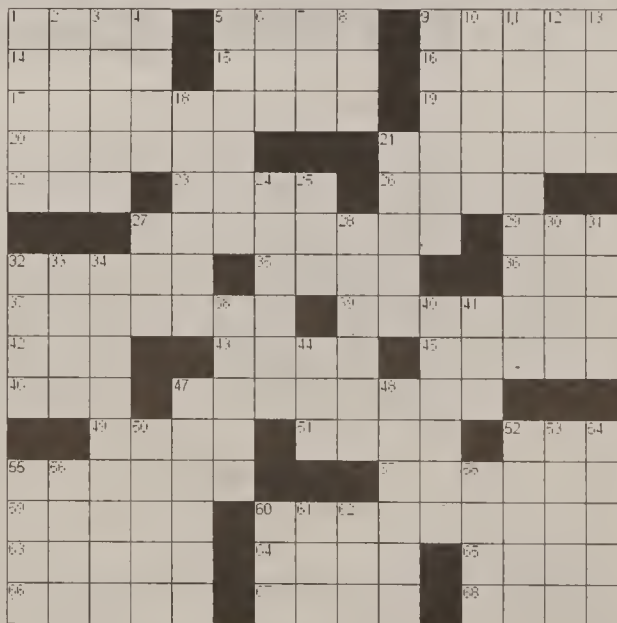
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1. Lion's antithesis
5. Predestination
9. ___ Hall: Berkeley's law school
14. Airline to Israel
15. Classic Nabisco snack
16. Fielder's flub
17. A 60-Across named Rafael
19. Japanese cartoon genre
20. Horseshoe-shaped letters
21. A 60-Across named Rebecca
22. "Only kidding!"
23. Slugging Sammy
26. It's closer than Vegas
27. A 60-Across named Bill
29. Warriors' org.
32. Esau's twin
35. Ceremonial fire
36. Debtor's promise
37. Pundit
39. 60-Across, in a sense
42. 3, on the phone
43. In the buff
45. Recurring-theme composition
46. 1-Across mother
47. Description for 17-, 21-, 27- and 55-Across
49. Become bushy
51. Org. overseeing fairness in hiring
52. Heart of a PC
55. A 60-Across named Scott
57. Passages at the Castro Theatre
59. Bitterly pungent
60. Aspirant for Bevan Ouffy's seat, perhaps
63. Best way of learning?
64. "Superfood" berry at Whole Foods
65. War Memorial Opera House highlight



66. Python, for one
67. ___ noire: nemesis
68. Kit___: candy bars

DOWN

1. Frequent returnee to Noe Valley Auto Works
2. Avis competitor
3. French impressionist
4. Skyline component: Abbr.
5. California prison town
6. Give guns to
7. Lovejoy's specialty
8. A loooooong time
9. Check payee, sometimes
10. "Smoking ___?" (Maitre d' request)
11. John McCain, for one
12. ___ Linda, CA
13. BART arrival, to a Mission resident
18. Slip past
21. Primp

24. Nose part that may be deviated
25. No matter which abbr.
27. Thanksgiving, e.g.: abbr.
28. Hellenic Republic
30. 007
31. "Self" starter
32. Green gem
33. All over again
34. Style of Tung Sing restaurant
38. Devilish grin
40. Gillette razor
41. Oecompose
44. Bambi's mother, for one
47. Oeepen, as a canal
48. Band equipment handler
50. How checks are signed
52. Santa ___ (Palo Alto's county)

53. Mini, in Marseille
54. "___ directed" (Rx order)
55. Rolls of bills
56. Clickable image
58. Pierre's state: Abbr.
60. You can usually flag one on 24th Street
61. Flying expert
62. Insurrectionist Turner

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NOTE: See the Noe Valley Voice Crossword, including all past puzzles, at www.no valleyvoice.com.



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Addressed to Jean Amos

c/o Editor, Noe Valley Voice

Dear Ms. Amos,

It brought a smile to my face to read your letter to the editor in September about my work. I'm so pleased that my little flowers were able to bring a smile to yours as well.

Flordily yours,

"Johnny Poppyseed"

Alvarado Street

Evolution at St. Philip's

Editor:

I enjoyed your coverage of St. Philip's history ["St. Philip's Celebrates Its Centennial With Grace," October 2010 *Voice*]. I am not a Catholic nor a congregant there, but have had the pleasure of the generosity of the church, which makes its meeting room available to the various Noe Valley groups I attend. Thanks.

My favorite moment of recent history happened when Friends of Noe Valley celebrated its own anniversary there last year. Both Supervisor Bevan Dufty and State Senator Mark Leno arrived with official proclamations to read. As Dufty rose to read his, he asked (a somewhat surprised) Senator Leno to watch his baby daughter in her pram. I thought how far all of our worlds had moved to have one openly gay man officeholder ask another to watch his newborn daughter, all in the parish hall hasement of the local Catholic church! Vive la différence!

Charlie Spiegel

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Local Girl a Winner

Congratulations to Noe Valley resident Ella Scanga, 10, who was recently tapped for a 2010 Youth Honor Award from *Skipping Stones* magazine. The awards program honors art, essays, and stories that promote cultural diversity and ecological sensitivity. Ella's story "Ivy and the Maple Leaf" was picked as one of 10 winners among 200 entries in this year's international competition. Her work was printed in the September-October edition of the magazine, based in Eugene, Oregon. The *Voice* thanks *Skipping Stones*, and Ella and her family on 26th Street, for letting us share the story with our readers.

Ivy and the Maple Leaf

By Ella Scanga



Once, there was a big Maple Tree with beautiful leaves that changed colors with the season. Ivy was a little girl with brown eyes and golden hair. She loved nature. Each fall, she loved to sit on a bench next to the Maple Tree, watching all the leaves dry up and blow away. One year, when fall came and Ivy was sitting on the bench, the leaves fell until only one leaf was left hanging.

"Don't fall until you're ready," said Ivy as the leaf blew in the gentle wind.

The next day, when Ivy sat on the bench under the Maple Tree, the leaf had still not fallen. "Don't fall until you're ready," Ivy told the leaf, which fluttered in the gentle wind.

The next day, Ivy sat under the Maple Tree with a notebook. She was doing a report on tree bark and decided that it was a good idea to come to the park for ideas. When she looked up, the leaf was still there.

"Don't fall until you are ready," said Ivy to the leaf.

On the last day of fall, the leaf finally fell off the tree. Ivy picked up the leaf off the ground and put it in her notebook. Years passed by, and Ivy was getting ready to move. She was going through her things and found the notebook and the little brown leaf. She loved that leaf.

When she grew up, Ivy decided that she would become a botanist and help save plants.

As a botanist, she taught a class called "Plants, Specimens, and Herbs" at a community garden. Every day, she would take her class to the park where the old Maple Tree lived. They would observe, draw plants, and learn about all the things that they could do to help the environment. The kids were inspired by Ivy's love of nature, and some decided to become botanists too.

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And bear all that burdens you,
And bear all that weighs you down.

I would take away those acid truths
that wound you,
Those truths you blind your mind to,
And make them mine.

There's no ink of blackest night
I would not drink for you.

No ache
I would not take
Away from you.

No fist of fear that grips your heart
I would not wrap around my own.

There's no loss,
No death of hope,
No cross
I'd leave for you.

I grieve for you.

As I stand in the shadow of your long
loneliness,
I weep.

But in my heart's secret cave,
I keep
This healing memory.

I see your face
As it was
When life was new to you.

*Awakened from your sweet baby sleep,
You saw me standing there.*

*Your arms reached up.
You smiled,
And I said,
Yes, my child.*

I will carry you.

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published poem.

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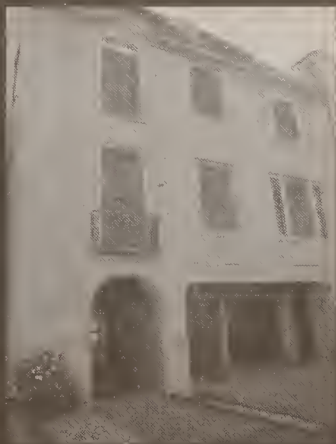


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A Taste of Holiday Recipes From Local Restaurants

By Pat Rose

It's that time of year again. The holidays are upon us, and it's time to start thinking about what to feed family and friends. We asked our neighborhood Noe Valley restaurants for their favorite recipes to spruce up a Thanksgiving meal or serve for any holiday dinner this season. Enjoy!

Mark Pastore, owner of **Incanto** restaurant on Church Street, gave us this wonderful Thanksgiving stuffing recipe that features all local products, including Acme Bread, Hog Island oysters, and sausages from Incanto's sister business, Bocalone. Several ingredients are available at shops in the Ferry Building Marketplace.

FERRY BUILDING THANKSGIVING STUFFING

Recipe by Chris Cošentino, Executive Chef, Incanto Restaurant, 1550 Church St., 641-4500

Ingredients

2 one-pound loaves Acme sourdough bread, crusts removed, cut into 1-inch dice (20 cups)
2 tablespoons Bocalone lard
1-1/2 pounds Bocalone Easton's Breakfast Sausage, casings removed and meat chopped
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 large sweet onions, diced
2 large carrots, diced
6 large celery ribs, diced
1 head fennel, diced
2 tablespoons fresh thyme
1 tablespoon coarsely chopped sage
1 cup dry white wine
2 dozen medium to large shucked Hog Island oysters, halved, 1/2 cup liquor reserved
3 cups chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Spread the bread on 2 large rimmed baking sheets and bake for 20 minutes, until crisp; let cool. Transfer to a very large mixing bowl.

In a large skillet, add 2 tablespoons lard and cook the sausage meat over moderate heat, breaking it up with a spoon, until no pink remains, about 10 minutes. With a slotted spoon, add the sausage to the bread in the bowl.

Add the 4 tablespoons of solid butter to the fat in the skillet and heat. Add the onions, carrots, celery, and fennel.

Season lightly with salt and pepper and cook over moderate-to-high heat, stirring until the onions soften, about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to low, add the herbs and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are completely softened, about 20 minutes. Add the wine and simmer over high heat until reduced by three-fourths, about 4 minutes.

Add the vegetable mixture to the bread cubes and sausage and toss. Add the oysters and their liquor, and enough chicken stock so that the bread is very moist but not overly soggy; season the stuffing with salt and pepper. Transfer the stuffing to prepared baking dishes.

Bake the stuffing in the upper third of the oven for about 15 minutes, or until hot. Preheat the broiler. Broil the stuffing 6 inches from the heat for about 2 minutes, rotating the baking dishes as needed, until browned on top. Serve immediately.

Serves 8 to 10.



They're Smiling Now: Even before the Giants won the pennant, orange was the color in Downtown Noe Valley, as hundreds of pumpkins and their adorable offspring awaited adoption at the Oct. 23 Harvest Festival. Did you take one home? Photo by Pamela Gerard

Joan Basso-Ginsberg at **PastaGina**, our favorite neighborhood pasta take-out and catering service, sent us this simple and yummy side dish that uses seasonal butternut squash and garlic. PastaGina makes it in the shop around the fall holidays. Joan says it's a great side dish for just about any meat, poultry, fowl, or vegetarian fare.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH WITH ROASTED GARLIC

Recipe by Joan Basso-Ginsberg
 PastaGina, 741 Diamond St., 282-0738

Ingredients

6 pounds butternut squash
1 pound garlic cloves
Olive oil (enough to toss generously)
Brown sugar to taste
Salt, a pinch
1/3 to 1/2 cup water

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Wash squash. Cut squash into large 2-inch cubes, leaving skin on.

In large bowl, toss squash with enough olive oil to coat each cube. Mix in salt, brown sugar, and water and toss more.

Spread out coated squash on cookie tray, preferably on parchment paper underneath. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for 30 minutes.

Check with fork. When fork goes all the way through, take off foil, put back in oven, and bake until golden brown (10 to 15 minutes).

In a small bowl, mix garlic cloves, pinch of salt, and pepper to taste. If desired, put in oven on a small tray or Pyrex pan 10 to 15 minutes. Garlic

should be golden brown on one side, soft but not mushy.

Spread out squash on your serving dish. Add garlic cloves over top of squash.

Serves 10 to 12.

From Diana Barrand and Max Braud, owner/chefs of **Le Zinc French Bistro** comes this delicious potato gratin recipe, which the restaurant often serves during the winter months.

GRATIN AUX POMMES DE TERRE

Courtesy Diana Barrand and Max Braud, Le Zinc French Bistro, 4063 24th St., 647-9400

Ingredients

6 medium French fingerling or Roseval potatoes
2 ounces heavy cream (1/4 cup)
4 ounces Emmentaler cheese
Salt
Pepper
Fresh ground nutmeg
2 cloves freshly sliced garlic

"Pâté a Croque" (cream mixture)
(Mix one day ahead.)

1 egg yolk
1 whole egg
1 ounce heavy cream (2 tablespoons)
3 ounces grated Emmentaler cheese
Salt
Pepper
Fresh ground nutmeg

Finely cut the potatoes lengthwise with a mandoline slicer (1/8 of an inch). Butter individual gratin ramekins.

Layer the potatoes, cheese, and garlic in the ramekins. Mix together the cream, salt, pepper, and nutmeg and pour over the layered potatoes.

Bake at 350 degrees in convection oven (400 degrees regular oven) for 20 minutes.

After 20 minutes, pour the "pâté a croque" mixture on top.

Bake at 350 degrees in convection oven for at least another 20 minutes until potatoes are cooked.

Serve in the ramekins.

Serves 2.

MAPLE, APPLE, AND DRIED CHERRY CROSTATA

The holidays would not be complete without a sweet dessert to end the meal. From Incanto's pastry chef, **Julie Antone**, comes this mouth-watering fruit crostata.

Dough

1-2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
Freshly grated zest of 1/2 lemon
8 tablespoons or 4 ounces of unsalted butter, cut into pieces
1 large egg, beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Filling

2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/2-inch slices
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons maple syrup, Grade B
3 tablespoons sour cream
2-1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
Pinch of nutmeg
Pinch of cinnamon
1/4 cup dried cherries, soaked in 1/2 cup hot water for 1/2 hour and then drained
1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
3 tablespoons turbinado (or brown) sugar

Dough: Blend the sugar, flour, salt, and lemon zest on low-speed in a mixer with the paddle attachment. Add the chopped butter, continue mixing until the dough is sandy and the butter is pea-sized. Add the egg and the vanilla and mix until the mixture comes together, then mix it for 15 seconds more.

Remove the dough from the mixer and shape into a disc. Wrap the dough in plastic and wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. The dough is good for up to 3 days.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Sprinkle flour on a flat surface and roll out the dough into a circle that is 10 inches in diameter. The dough may crack a little but can be repaired by patching back together again. Carefully transfer the dough to the pan.

In a medium bowl, mix the sugar, maple syrup, spices, sour cream, and flour together. Add the apples to this mixture. In the center of the dough, place the filling mixture. Spread slightly.

Fold 1/2 to 1 inch of the outer edge of the dough circle over the edge of the apple mixture. This will form the edge of the crostata. Brush the dough with the egg wash and sprinkle with turbinado sugar. Sprinkle the cherries on top of the apple mixture. Place in oven and bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until the underside of the crust is a golden brown.

Best served warm.

Note: You can use pears instead of apples, and raisins or cranberries instead of the cherries.

Serves 6.

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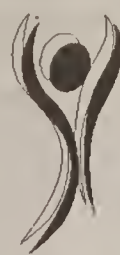
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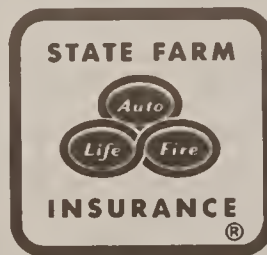
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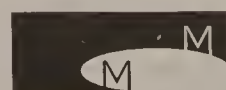
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Antenna Permits May Get a Closer Inspection

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public spaces.

The legislation, introduced by Supervisor John Avalos, would require cell phone companies to obtain a special permit in order to put in the largest type of antennas. The companies also would need to notify nearby residents, who could contest installation of new antenna equipment.

The public hearing is set for Nov. 15, 1 p.m., before the board's Land Use and Economic Development Committee. The measure advanced to the board after the Planning Commission unanimously approved it during an Oct. 8 meeting in which residents complained that the antennas were dangerous, unsightly, and installed without public notice.

"I think it's an excellent idea," said Vicki Rosen, president of the Upper Noe Neighbors. "We need to be made aware that these are being proposed" on sidewalks throughout Noe Valley.

The city already can set standards for cell phone antennas on private property, but federal and state laws preempt local officials from regulating wireless equipment on sidewalk utility poles and other public rights of way. However, the city has wiggle room on aesthetic grounds to limit such wireless equipment, and to require public notification.

Residents Tired of Surprises

With the rising popularity of iPhones, Droids, and other smart phones, wireless communication companies have been in a race to add to their network of antennas, to improve reception and ensure customer

loyalty. Since 2008, T-Mobile, Verizon, and other carriers have gotten permits to erect 256 wireless antennas on public utility poles in San Francisco, according to Barbara Moy, a manager with the city's Department of Public Works.

But their size and placement—the antenna equipment is encased in metal, suitcase-like boxes that hang about eight feet above the sidewalk—have been the bane of many unsuspecting residents.

"People complained that they'd literally go to work in the morning and come home, and there'd be this thing on a pole with no notification," said Frances Hsieh, Avalos' legislative aide. "It's big and ugly and disrupts their view. They'd look out their second-floor living room windows, and there'd be these big boxes smack in the middle."

Aesthetically speaking, the legislation would require cell phone companies to plant a street tree next to the existing utility pole to camouflage the equipment. The most significant part of the proposal, however, would give the public a voice in whether a company could get a permit for the installations.

Equipment Size Matters

The measure creates a three-tiered approval system based on the size and location of the aerials.

In the first tier—for antennas that are less than four feet in height, with very little visual impact—a company could obtain a permit without a public hearing. However, neighbors would be promptly notified and could challenge the approval before the Board of Permit Appeals.

Tier two requests, for slightly bigger antennas or for transmitters located adjacent to parks or historical resources, would undergo additional Planning Department scrutiny.

To obtain a permit for the bulkiest antennas (tier three), cell phone companies

a local benefit district—to maintain the space. Earlier this year, 24th Street's community benefit district, the Noe Valley Association, secured a \$32,000 grant to build a P2P project in the neighborhood. Original plans for the grant to be spent on a plaza that closed Noe south of 24th Street were scrapped because of public opposition, but the parklets garnered more support, said Andres Power, manager of P2P.

"We want these projects to be community-building exercises, and we need support for that to happen," Power said. While he was surprised at the level of discord around the plaza, he said he recognized the process needed improvement.

"I think the solution we are moving forward with is the right one given that level of disagreement," he said.

The parklets got the green light in late October from the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation, which will review the permit again in six months. Things move relatively quickly from here, Power said.

"They pop up in a matter of a day or two," he said. ■



If the city passes new legislation regulating cell phone antennas, equipment such as these boxes at 28th and Noe streets will have to undergo a public hearing before installation.

Photo by Sally Smith

would need to notify nearby residents as soon as they submitted their applications. Residents also would have the opportunity to protest (or support) the equipment at a required public hearing. The boxy antennas on a pole at 28th and Noe streets would fall under this category.

Still, some anti-antenna activists consider the legislation too puny.

"We think the legislation should be further strengthened," said Loranger, a co-founder of the San Francisco Neighborhood Antenna-Free Union (SNAFU). "It essentially allows tier one anywhere in the city without oversights."

Data Creating a Buzz

At last month's Planning Commission meeting, likely a preview of the supervisors' hearings, cell phone companies urged officials to slow down and look for

alternatives to the legislation.

An attorney representing Verizon and AT&T said there was a "tremendous" need for new cell phone equipment in San Francisco.

"The data demands have increased 5,000 percent in the last three years," the spokesman said. "Verizon's wireless data demands are increasing 300 percent a year. The need is in the neighborhoods, and the logical place to put the facilities is in the right of way."

But Glen Park resident Wendy Robinson said her own experience showed the proposed measure was long overdue. Robinson said she returned to her Randall Street home a few months ago to find four large boxes the size of microwave ovens on a utility pole eight feet off the ground.

"It's horrendous," said Robinson, who got 60 to 70 neighbors to sign a petition complaining about the antenna package. "It buzzes and crackles 24/7. When I close my front door, I can still hear it inside my house. Talking with a neighbor or anyone in front of my house has the soundtrack to it of a saw."

Call Back on Safety Issue

Several speakers also grumbled that Avalos' legislation didn't address the environmental and safety hazards that antenna equipment pose. Overloaded poles can topple in earthquakes or high winds and start fires, as happened in Malibu three years ago. And there's an inherent danger that lead-acid backup batteries on the equipment could result in electrical arcs, short circuits, and fires.

Hsieh said those health and safety concerns would be addressed later.

"We realize there is a very valid and serious concern, and I think we'd like to look at it separately," she said. "We think it warrants its own piece of legislation rather than trying to squish it into this legislation. It's a big issue on its own." ■

Twin Parklets Due to Arrive in November

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replaced the sidewalk along the curb with greenery. He is especially keen to brighten the space with flowers that, until now, have died from repeated car-door collisions.

"My biggest fear was that it was going to look like a platform sticking into the street, but I think it's going to look like a real sitting area," he said. "I'm pretty excited about it."

The Noe Valley sites will be the fourth and fifth parklets built in San Francisco's year-old Pavement to Parks program, which seeks to turn roadway into public space at minimal cost. The design requirements call for materials that can be easily moved should the parklets prove unpopular.

P2P projects require a partner in the community—neighboring businesses or



Here's a street view of the latest parklet design for 24th Street, offered by architect Riyad Ghannam in association with Gast Architects and Matarozzi/Pelsinger Builders. The mini-plazas will sit in front of Martha's Coffee and Just for Fun gift store. Courtesy RG Architecture

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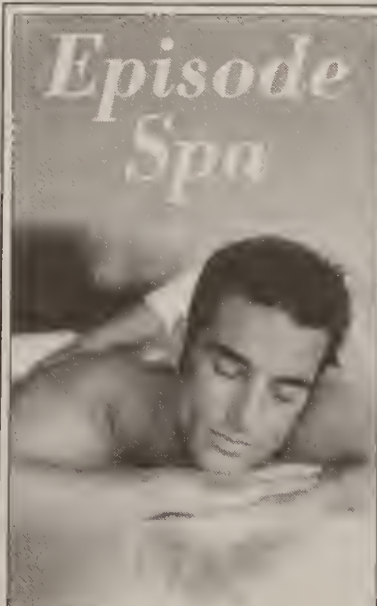
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Castro streets. The miniature wooden façade—just 2 inches wide and 6 inches tall—is attached to a wall next to the left leg of the community notice board. It is hand-painted yellow with antique-white trim and topped with a Victorian-style decorative arch. The door stands out against the green wall, but its low placement and the obstructed sidewalk view by a planter box make it easy to miss.

At Home in Children's Books

Other fairies have scouted out more private real estate. Their door stands on a shelf in the cart of children's books that sits outside Phoenix Books, on 24th between Sanchez and Noe. The door is the same size as the one in the parking lot, but it is painted white with bright red trim, and bears a tiny golden doorknob in its center.

An adult must crouch and peer behind the "front gate" of Dr. Seuss or Goosebumps books just to take a peek. "My daughter was just the right height to see inside," said Adamick. "I think the fairies might have planned that one."

The staff of Phoenix Books does not take credit for the door, nor do they know how they came to host it. "It just showed up one day," said employee Paula Heaney. "We don't know where it came from or how it got there, but we like it."

They Need Coffee Too

Bernadette Melvin, owner of Bernie's Coffee across the street, was similarly out of the fairy-door loop. "Some little girls came in one day looking for a fairy door," said Melvin. "They had read about it somewhere, but I didn't know what they were talking about, so I was no help."

It turns out the door in question is hidden below a bench outside her coffee shop—a spot where many locals like to congregate.

"I was sitting here reading the paper one day, and I heard a little kid say 'Look!



The fairy door in the public parking lot next to Radio Shack is hidden behind a large planter box (or perhaps it's a sylvan forest).
Photo by Sally Smith

Look!' and [she] was pointing underneath the bench," said Joe Wildberger, a Bernie's regular. "I thought she saw a mouse or something, but she was pointing at that little door."

The red door, which has a white frame, indented panels, and a gold doorknob, rests on the bottom ledge of a planter box, and measures only 1 by 3 inches.

Raymond Claraval, a Whole Foods parking lot attendant stationed a few yards away, says most adults walking by are oblivious but that children make a beeline to the tiny door. "The kids notice it and will walk up to it and try to open

it," Claraval said. "Kids are lower to the ground: It's too low to be seen by an adult, but kids see it all the time."

A Way Into Fairy World

Fairy mythology has existed for centuries, much of it stemming from Ireland and the British Isles. According to lore, fairies are magical creatures who may exist among humans but not always reveal themselves to non-fairy folk.

"The concept of fairy doors is not new," says Jonathan Wright, a self-proclaimed fairyologist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. "Typically, it would be a hole

in a tree, as a way into the fairy world. The idea of human-styled doors for fairies? That idea is relatively new."

And perhaps he invented it. Wright has chronicled, monitored, and curated the largest community of fairy doors in the country since 1993, when the first reported mini-door "appeared" in his own house. In 2005, doors began sprouting up in front of local businesses, bringing renewed interest and foot traffic into downtown Ann Arbor.

"Having it go beyond our door is something we hoped to see, and it feels great," Wright said, while emphasizing the importance of uniqueness and sincerity when it comes to each fairy door.

He first heard about the Noe Valley fairy doors from Adamick, who contacted him through email in search for answers about the doors he had seen around the neighborhood. "The Noe Valley doors seem sincere. They're not boilerplate doors," Wright said.

Questions for Tinker Bell

However, the Noe Valley fairies may soon be taking flight. Two doors spotted in September have disappeared without a trace. And the yellow door in the parking lot has lost its little arch.

Outside La Boulange at 24th and Church streets, a fairy door went missing in early October. James Lord, an employee who cleans the outdoor tables every day, said, "I figured someone stole it, or the building owner took it down. Who else would have done that?"

That question and others remain—such as, who is the human helping the fairies move into their temporary Noe Valley homes?

"It's very mysterious. Whoever put it there must have done it during the day because we bring the sale cart in at night," said Heaney of Phoenix Books.

Whether they appear by magic or as the gift of a playful individual, the fairy doors are clearly a sign that imagination roams free in the neighborhood.

"I always tell my friends that Noe Valley is like *Sesame Street*, and it is things like this that make it special," said Heaney.

Adamick agrees. "The community seems to have tapped into the mind and magic of a child. I like to live in a place that believes in magic." ■

Get Ready for '24 HoliDays on 24th Street'

By Pat Rose

Cookie-decorating parties, carolers, cable-car rides, visits from Santa, and a menorah lighting are just a few of the many events being staged for the upcoming holiday season in Noe Valley.

"24 HoliDays on 24th Street," sponsored by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, will run Dec. 1 to 24, and will combine holiday events hosted by the merchants in past years, such as the Noel Stroll, with a new lineup of festivities.

"'24 HoliDays on 24th Street' is a culmination of all the different things that have been going on for the past few years by different groups of people," says organizer David Eiland of Just for Fun. "It just made sense to pull it all together under one umbrella group and make it a little more organized. With Hanukkah starting on the 3rd this year, it came together as a month of celebration. We really hope the community will get into the spirit of all the holidays and come out and enjoy the neighborhood."

Eiland is working with Dominic Russo from Russo Music (opening soon in the old Harry Aleo space) and local schools to bring music, dance, and art events to 24th Street throughout the month of De-

cember. "This is a month for the community to come out and celebrate and shop and eat locally. We have all struggled this year, and it's just time to feel good and support each other, so we can become stronger as a community in the future," says Eiland.

Here are a few of the family-friendly December events planned so far:

* The Noel Stroll on 24th Street, featuring carolers and musicians, on Saturday, Dec. 4, 4 to 7 p.m.

* "Yule rides" (hayrides in a horse-drawn cart) on Dec. 4, and Dec. 11, noon to 5 p.m.

* The annual Menorah Lighting, co-hosted by Just for Fun and Chabad of Noe Valley at 24th and Noe streets, on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

* A trunk show at Gallery of Jewels on the weekend of Dec. 3 and 4.

* "Star Wars Arts and Crafts" with an artist from the Star Wars franchise, hosted by Edward Jones on Dec. 10.

* Face-painting at Terra Mia Pottery Studio on Dec. 11.

* Silk-dyeing of scarves and ties at Just for Fun on Dec. 17.

* A cookie-decorating party hosted by BJ Droubi on Dec. 18.

* Fire engine rides on Dec. 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring holiday sounds.

* A visit from Santa on Dec. 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Zephyr Real Estate.

A poster of the official calendar of events will be posted in local merchants' windows just before the Thanksgiving holiday. For a complete schedule, visit www.noevalleymerchants.com. ■



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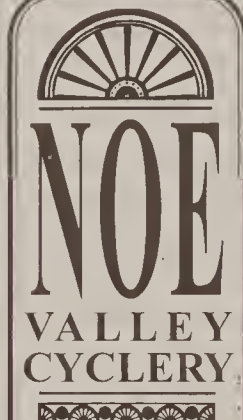


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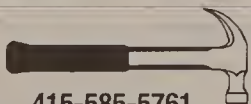
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Music Series Bids Farewell to Ministry Stage

Reprise Possible in Two Years

By Heather World

It's not quite "the day the music died," but some might feel that way. After 30 years of residence in the Noe Valley Ministry, the Noe Valley Music Series will take its tunes to NOPA in February, making a new home at St. Ciprian's Episcopal Church while the Ministry undergoes a massive renovation.

"If it's within two years, I hope to move back," said series director Larry Kassin, citing the estimated completion date for the Ministry's renovation. "If it's four or five years, who knows."

The Saturday-night series has attracted venerated musicians and thousands of listeners each year, though Kassin started it in 1981 as a venue for lesser-known bands like his jazz fusion quintet. Back then, Kassin, a flutist, lived on Alvarado Street near Sanchez, and he learned that the pastor of the newly revived Noe Valley Ministry was looking to host community events in its Gothic building at 1021 Sanchez Street. On Feb. 8, 1981, what was then called Noe Valley Jazz presented its first performance: the Bishop Norman Williams Quartet.

"Two months later, we had Bobby McFerrin," said Kassin, 58. "He was still playing little jazz clubs, passing the hat. This was his first concert hall."

McFerrin, who lived on Valley Street, used the Ministry as his lab, and he returned even as his fame grew, Kassin said.

"Around 1990, he did a full weekend at Noe, then the next week saw him on the *Tonight Show*; then the week after that he won a Grammy," Kassin said.

Big Names, Small Stage

Ten-time Grammy-winner T-Bone Burnett, folk star Ramblin' Jack Elliot, and Academy Award-winner Marketa Irglova (of the film *Once*) have all taken turns at the mike. Warren Zevon stopped there on an acoustic solo tour.

"He was very nice, but he had these two guys with him who thought they were



Noe Valley Music Series founder Larry Kassin surveys posters collected over three decades of presenting concerts at the Noe Valley Ministry on Sanchez Street. Photos by Pamela Gerard

superstars," Kassin said. "They wanted to know where security was in case people rushed the stage, where the space next to the stage entrance was for the trailer. They also wanted 10 pounds of carrots."

The pair insisted Kassin remove chairs from the room so the audience would stand during the performance, and that didn't go over so well.

"The crowd was getting nasty with me—'Who's Warren? Why the hell should we stand up?'" Kassin said. "Once the show started, it went fine."

Joan Baez, on the other hand, twirled with a women's dance class that had been double-booked into the concert space, then ran through a quick sound check to

start her show when the class ended.

Kassin has invited stars of other genres as well, like comedians Will Durst and Geoff Hoyle, performance artists Rhodessa Jones and Opera Piccola, and musicians that range from Sudanese oud master Hamza El Din to master didgeridoo innovator Stephen Kent.

"We had some pretty exotic things," Kassin said. "This being San Francisco, people were really open to it."

In recent years, shows averaged about 60 guests, Kassin said, 20 percent of whom live in Noe Valley.

Joe Cunningham, a former Sanchez Street resident who has been a regular for 16 years, credits Kassin with creating

something rare.

"I like seeing such great musicians in a small venue," said Cunningham, whose first date with his wife was an Indonesian Gamelan orchestra concert there. Cunningham recently took his son to see his guitar hero, Bill Frisell.

"I sat about 15 or 20 feet from one of the greatest musicians of all time and got to hear this fantastic show for a very reasonable price," he said. "It's like living-room scale."

Ray Murray of Hill Street has been going to the concerts since the series began.

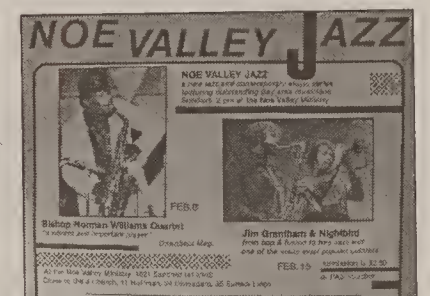
"I hope the move is very temporary," said Murray, who estimates he goes to about seven or eight concerts a year. "The [series] has been a real community asset."

Murray, too, cites the variety of music as a key attraction. He likes the social aspect too, he said—talking to other fans, hanging out on 24th Street before and after shows, and checking out the Ministry's changing art exhibits.

The shows at St. Ciprian's, to be called SF Live Arts, may not be much different. The church is on Turk Street at Lyon and has 350 seats, about 100 more than the Ministry, and excellent acoustics, Kassin said.

Kassin has scheduled a series of farewell concerts in Noe Valley, including a Nov. 5 performance of his own trio, Manring Kassin Darter, and a Nov. 6 "Last Tango in Noe Valley" by Tango No. 9 and special guests. He hopes to schedule a final show on Saturday, Jan. 8, with Ramblin' Jack Elliot.

Tickets for Kassin's trio are \$14 in advance and \$16 at the door. For Tango No. 9, the cost is \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Advance tickets can be bought at Phoenix Books, 3957 24th Street, and Kassin says he plans to continue selling tickets there for St. Ciprian's shows. ■



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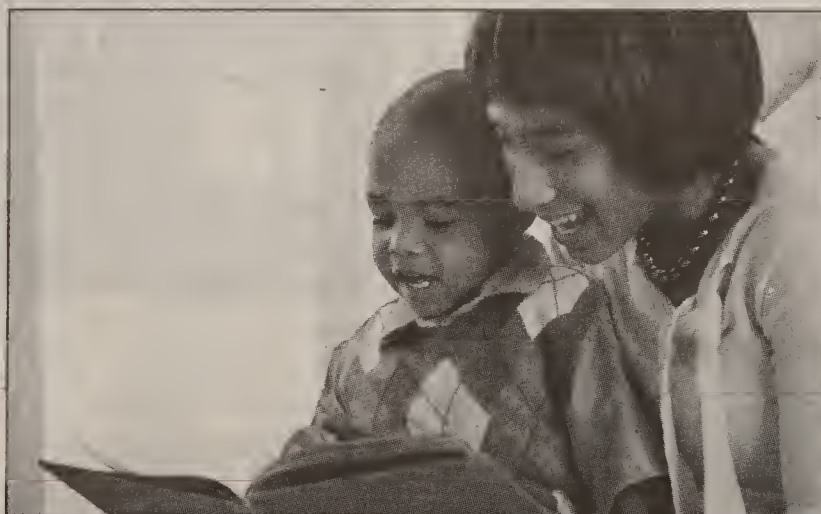
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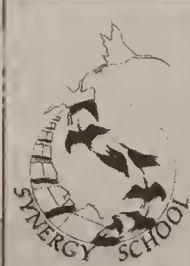
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Eat, Write, Love

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Hesser will talk about turning a love of food into a love of writing about food. At the same time, Sack and Daniel Patterson, executive chef and owner of San Francisco's celebrated restaurant Coi, will prepare a tasting plate of three dishes from Hesser's newest cookbook, *The Essential New York Times Cookbook*.

Ticket price includes food and is \$100 for the class, or \$140 for the class and the cookbook. All proceeds directly benefit the free student programming at 826 Valencia, a creative arts workshop and tutoring hub for San Francisco children. 826 volunteers pay only \$50, or \$90 for the class and the cookbook.

For more information, visit www.826valencia.org and click on the events calendar, or call 415-642-5905.

Fix for Political Junkies

You can relive the Nov. 2 election Wednesday, Nov. 17, when the Noe Valley Democratic Club sponsors a recap hosted by Democratic pollster David Binder, a political analyst with 20 years of experience.

A familiar face at election-time meetings of the club, Binder is the head of a

national polling firm in San Francisco and has appeared as a public opinion and political analyst for the *CBS Evening News*, the *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, and *California This Week*. He also has been a frequent commentator on local TV and radio broadcasts. His clients include political, government, labor, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations, as well as business and marketing firms. He also often serves as an independent monitor of election trends and returns.

He and his staff will offer an in-depth analysis of the voting for club members and guests.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., and is open to the public. St. Philip's is located at 725 Diamond Street, between Elizabeth and 24th streets.

Good Odds in November

The Odd Mondays series this month features exceptional authors, including Mir Tamim Ansary, a San Francisco-based Afghan-American who wrote a memoir of growing up in Afghanistan that received critical acclaim and countered negative perceptions of the country following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

West of Kabul, East of New York may be Ansary's best known book—the San Francisco Public Library chose it as a One City, One Book pick in 2008—but he has also written a book of history "through Islamic eyes," a work of fiction, and a number of educational books for children.

Ansary lived in Afghanistan until attending high school in the United States and then Reed College in Portland, Oregon. He moderates the San Francisco Writers Workshop, a 46-year-old free boutique for aspiring writers, and has taught at U.C. Berkeley and San Francisco State University, among other institutions.

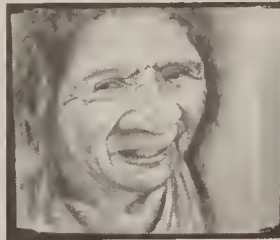
He will read and discuss his work on the last odd Monday, Nov. 29.

Sitting Pretty for Julia Rice

Artist Julia Rice came to San Francisco in search of beauty and found it at the 30th Street Senior Center. What she learned, "Out of the Box: Women, Beauty & Aging," will be exhibited at the center Friday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Rice, who is in San Francisco thanks to an artist-in-residence program at CELLspace art studio in Dogpatch, interviewed women at 30th Street and at the Martin Luther Tower apartment complex on Franklin Street. She has also collected interviews through a blog she created for the project.

"I've spoken with women who grew up in Mexico, Nicaragua, and other countries in Latin America," said Rice, who lives in Spain and is bilingual. "I've spoken to women who've been actresses, painters, civil rights activists—it's been a very rich experience."



She then painted the women on disposable surfaces, like boxes and mailing envelopes—thinking outside the box in terms of subject and materials, she said. The exhibit will include the paintings of her subjects, excerpted texts of their own words, and some examples of what they find beautiful about themselves. One actress featured in the exhibit will perform a 15-minute excerpt of the one-woman play she is writing.

Rice, 34, has an MFA from Utrecht University in the Netherlands and has focused her work on the exploitation of women through advertising. For her thesis she looked at how perceptions of beauty change for women as they grow older.

Perceptions change with time and with culture, she found. The women from Martin Luther Tower tended to be Anglo-American. More often than not, she found they tended to judge themselves as vain in their youth and now find beauty to be something internal.

"With some of the Hispanic women, it's almost the opposite," Rice said. They enjoy taking the time to dress up and wear makeup and jewelry, she said.

Rice has invited a musician to play while the women and the public peruse the exhibit and eat finger food.

The 30th Street Senior Center is located at 225 30th Street, between Church and Dolores streets. Rice's exhibit will also be shown at CELLspace, 2050 Bryant Street, on Thursday, Nov. 18, 7 to 10 p.m.

—Heather World

On Monday, Nov. 15, Leonard Pitt will present his new book, *Paris: A Journey Through Time*. Pitt, a mime who studied the craft in Paris in the 1960s, has a wide-ranging career in the arts: he opened a school of physical theater in Berkeley,

studied mask theater and carving in Bali, and started Eco-Rap, an environmental education program combining ecology and rap music to educate inner city youth

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about urgent social issues. He is the author of *A Small Moment of Great Illumination*, about the 17th-century Anglo-Irish healer Valentine Greatrakes. His has written two previous book about Paris as well. His books will be on display and for sale.

Earlier in the month (on Nov. 1, just before the *Voice* went to press), Louise Nayer appeared to discuss her latest book, *Burned: A Memoir*, which recounts a devastating accidental gas explosion that badly burned her parents. Nayer is also well known for her book *How to Bury a Goldfish: Celebrations and Ceremonies for Everyday Life*.

All Odd Mondays take place at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez Street, and start at 7:30 p.m. Guests are invited to a "no-host" dinner at Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th Street, at 6 p.m., but please RSVP to jlsender@webtv.net if you want to join the dinner.

Tutors Needed at Alvarado

You can help out a student at Alvarado Elementary by volunteering with Reading Partners, an educational nonprofit that runs a tutoring program at the school.

"As you watch students' skills grow, you see their confidence grow too," says Glennis Coursey, Reading Partners' site coordinator at Alvarado, 625 Douglass Street. "That's a powerful thing to see."

The 10-year-old program uses a curriculum designed by the Stanford School of Education, and 88 percent of students advance an entire grade level after 25

hours of tutoring, says Beej Shah, program manager for San Francisco Reading Partners.

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Some students learn letter sounds; others work on reading comprehension.

Currently, Coursey manages 20 tutors for 18 students, but she hopes to find enough volunteers to support the total of 35 students who need help. Though the minimum commitment is for one hour a week, two hours is preferable.

"We tutor our students twice a week for 45 minutes, and we love for the students to see the same tutor," Shah says.

Volunteers take a 20-minute orientation online, then head to the school's reading center to learn how the program works, she says. Tutoring at Alvarado takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Shah says she hopes to find volunteers who can commit through May. To volunteer, email volunteer@readingpartners.org.

Be an Elf for a Day

Mission Police Station has put out an all-points bulletin seeking donations for its annual holiday toy drive, "Mission: TOYS."

Donors are asked to bring unwrapped new toys and/or cash to Circle Bank, 3938 24th Street, or to Mission Station, 630 Valencia Street. Cash contributions are tax-deductible.

Permit Officer Hope Nechuta says the station has handed out \$10,000 worth of toys in past years, and every penny is needed to meet demand.

"Usually, there's a line that goes from the lobby all the way down 18th Street and turning the corner—even in the rain," she says.

This year, Santa will be enthroned in

the station lobby on Saturday, Dec. 11, readying himself for children eager for a picture in his lap and presents from his bag. The stuffed animals, dolls, balls, race cars, and other toys are divided by sex and age group and put into bags for the kids, Nechuta says.

"In the past, we were able to give each child four or five presents," she says.

The most generous contributors will be acknowledged at the well-publicized giveaway, and the top five contributors will be offered a lunch with Capt. Gregory Corrales, Nechuta says.

Mi easel es su easel

Golden Gate Artists return to the Noe Valley Ministry for "A Brush with Color," an 11-woman show of watercolor paintings running Nov. 1 to Dec. 13, with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is the group's fifth year of exhibiting at the Ministry, and the reception has always been wonderful, says Elaine Robinson, one of the artists.

"We've always had well over 100 people, and almost all of us have sold at least

one painting, which is an extra bonus. We like just having it up!"

The women not only show together, they also have painted together weekly for the 10 years since meeting at Golden Gate Park's Sharon Art Studio, Robinson says. The group usually heads outdoors to set up their easels, traveling to Fort Mason's community garden or the Arboretum or the Japanese Tea Garden in the park.

"We ask for each other's advice," Robinson says. "Someone will ask, 'Tell me what I still need to do to this painting?'"

There are 16 painters in the group overall, some who work, some who are retired, and they live across the city, she says. Though none now lives in Noe Valley, all have found the Ministry to be welcoming.

"It's such a nice atmosphere," she says. "It's wonderful to be part of the community."

Robinson will be joined by Peggy Cadbury, Lana Choy, Charlotte Karp, Chalice Lomuto, Marci Mills, Thelma Murakami, Mary Reid, Frieda Sion, Mary Watson, and JoAnn Yates.

—Heather World

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The Cost of Living in Noe

Only Four House Sales in September

By Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley homebuyers showed less appetite for showcase homes in September, turning instead to condominiums and single-family homes with reduced price tags.

The neighborhood normally sees more house sales than condo deals. But in September, only four single-family homes changed hands. (There were 10 such sales in August and nine the previous September.)

Meanwhile, buyers purchased nine condos, two fewer than in August and five more than in September a year ago, according to sales data supplied to the Voice by Zephyr Real Estate.

"Condos seem to be alive," said Zephyr sales manager Randall Kostick, noting that they are an easier acquisition than a house in Noe Valley. "It seems like the people who can't afford \$1.5 million for a house can afford \$700,000 to \$1 million for a condo," he said.

With the economy recovering in fits and starts, shoppers appeared to shy away from trophy homes in September. Not a single detached home sold in the \$2 to \$3 million range. Instead, buyers paid an average of just under \$1.4 million. Still, that number was higher than the \$1.2 million average recorded in August, and in September of last year.

The average price for a condo in Sep-

tember was \$890,000. That compared with almost \$900,000 in August and \$723,000 a year earlier.

Both condo and house buyers worked out deals where they paid 2 to 3 percent less than what the sellers wanted.

One of the more unusual transactions was the sale of a luxury condo located in the 4300 block of 23rd Street between Douglass and Hoffman streets. The sellers originally purchased the three-bedroom, 3.5-bath unit (with 3,120 square feet of space) in 2008 for \$1.7 million. The property returned to the market last winter with a \$1,749,000 price tag. It languished for 283 days before a buyer acquired the unit for \$1,295,000—a 26 percent price break.

Kostick noted that transactions overall took longer to close escrow in September—partly because of delays in the mortgage lending process. He said two of the largest lenders, Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank, have instituted more stringent appraisal and lending criteria that have slowed the time to complete a sale.

Detached homes in September closed escrow in an average of 70 days, compared to 41 days in August. Condo deals took an average of 96 days, compared to 75 days in August.

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath house in the 100 block of Clipper Street between Sanchez and Church streets was the most expensive property sold in November. The 2,300-square-foot home sold for \$1,775,000—\$20,000 below its original asking price—and closed escrow in 49 days.



Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price As % of List Price
Single-family homes						
Sept. 2010	4	\$748,000	\$1,775,000	\$1,398,250	70	98%
Aug. 2010	10	\$654,000	\$2,050,000	\$1,229,577	41	100%
Sept. 2009	9	\$780,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,163,222	73	98%
Condominiums						
Sept. 2010	9	\$715,000	\$1,295,000	\$890,000	96	97%
Aug. 2010	11	\$620,000	\$1,762,500	\$899,264	75	99%
Sept. 2009	5	\$455,000	\$969,000	\$722,900	83	98%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
Sept. 2010	2	\$999,900	\$1,065,000	\$1,032,450	99	104%
Aug. 2010	5	\$530,000	\$1,150,000	\$907,000	66	89%
Sept. 2009	4	\$688,020	\$1,571,000	\$1,179,755	57	101%
5+-unit buildings						
Sept. 2010	0	—	—	—	—	—
Aug. 2010	0	—	—	—	—	—
Sept. 2009	0	—	—	—	—	—

* Sales include all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley in this survey is defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The Voice thanks Zephyr Real Estate (www.zephyrsf.com) for supplying the sales data.

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Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range Oct. 2010	Average Oct. 2010	Average Sept. 2010	Average Oct. 2009
Studio	4	\$1,400 - \$1,650	\$1,560 / mo.	\$1,443 / mo.	\$1,335 / mo.
1-bdrm	17	\$1,350 - \$2,495	\$1,727 / mo.	\$2,089 / mo.	\$1,736 / mo.
2-bdrm	24	\$1,850 - \$3,850	\$2,724 / mo.	\$2,876 / mo.	\$2,719 / mo.
3-bdrm	16	\$2,695 - \$5,500	\$3,936 / mo.	\$4,118 / mo.	\$3,989 / mo.
4+-bdrm	4	\$4,495 - \$7,500	\$5,948 / mo.	\$5,433 / mo.	\$3,622 / mo.

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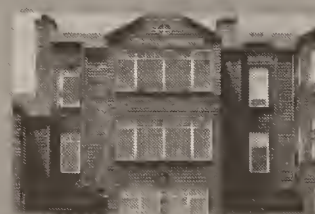
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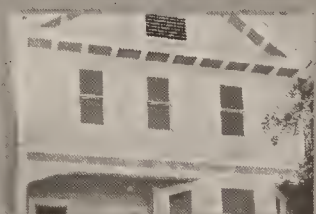
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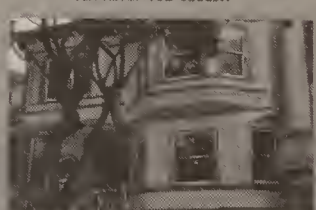
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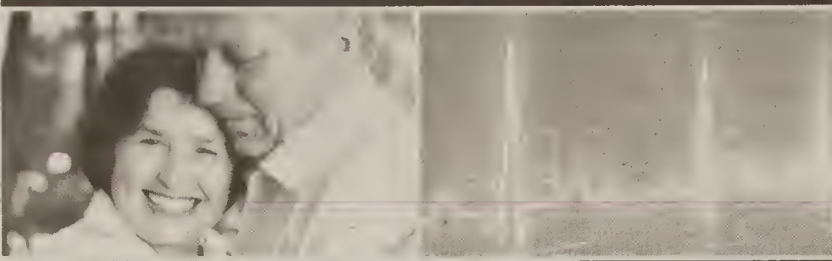


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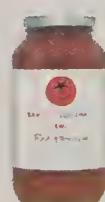
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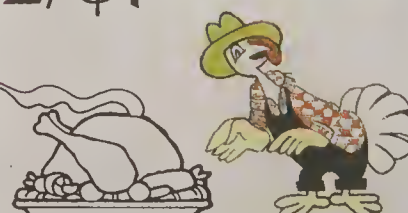


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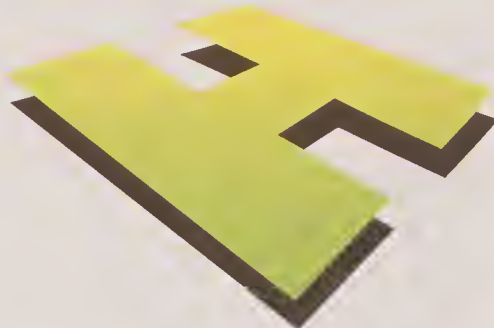




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REPORT FROM MISSION STATION

The Noe Valley Voice thanks 24th Street Beat Officer Lorraine Lombardo for providing this tally of incidents reported in the half of Noe Valley covered by the Mission Police District. The log includes some but not all incidents occurring Sept. 11 to Oct. 10, 2010, in the area bordered by Grand View, 21st, Guerrero, and Cesar Chavez streets. To contact Officer Lombardo, call Mission Station at 558-5400.

Sept. 12, 10 p.m., 400 block of Clipper, Domestic Violence: A woman called for a police escort to get her belongings out of her house. She reported that 12 days after she and her boyfriend moved in together, in a rage he had grabbed her by the neck and squeezed her throat with both hands, leaving her with bruises and scrapes. The same physical abuse occurred again the next day. After viewing her injuries, police went to her house and arrested her boyfriend.

Sept. 16, 4 p.m., 4000 block of 25th, Mental Health Detention: Officer Friedman responded to a call of a person in the street jumping on and off parked vehicles and yelling at pedestrians. When Friedman arrived, Patrol Special Fitzinger was standing over the man, who was sprawled on the sidewalk. Awakened by a chest rub, the man started screaming and yelling about hugs crawling on his body. The man blurted out, "I took crystal meth." The man was taken to the hospital for a 72-hour evaluation because he was a danger to himself and others.

Sept. 17, 3:30 a.m., 600 block of Alvarado, Domestic Violence: A man called police to report that his drunken girlfriend had hit and scratched him in their home after an argument. After an investigation and seeing a substantial amount of scratches and humpy red marks on

the man's body, officers placed the woman under arrest.

Sept. 24, 1:30 a.m., 1000 block of Sanchez, Robbery: Officer Wilson responded to a call of a robbery. The victim said he was walking near 24th and Sanchez when he was robbed by two young Latin males. One suspect ran up in front of him and simulated a handgun with his right hand in his pocket. He said, "Empty out your pockets. Don't scream or yell. If you do, I will shoot your ass!" Another suspect stood behind him. The victim removed his wallet, cash, cell phone, and charger from his pockets, but then dropped them on the ground. When the first suspect went to pick them up, the victim ran away. He then saw a white Dodge Caravan drive past him at a high rate of speed. He recognized the van as one he'd seen earlier parked with the engine on and someone in the driver's seat.

Sept. 25, 2:30 a.m., 20th and Sanchez, Aggravated Assault with a Knife: Officers Trujillo and Kroos responded to a call of a woman in the middle of the street screaming. They found a female with blood dripping down her neck and stomach. A resident was assisting her by holding a towel to her neck. The victim told police, "Some guy stabbed me in the neck!" The resident told police that the woman had knocked on her door begging for help. The victim told police she had been working as a prostitute at the corner of 21st and Capp when a white Ford Taurus drove up. She described the driver as a Hispanic male who spoke with an accent. He solicited her for sex and she got into his vehicle. He then drove around looking for a place to park, settling on a spot near 20th and Sanchez. The victim performed sex for a fee that she and the man had agreed upon. When the suspect asked for sex again, she agreed but asked for additional money. She thought the suspect reached into his pocket to pull out the money but instead he pulled out a knife and stabbed her in the neck and ribs. She attempted to defend herself by grabbing the knife. She was cut on her hand, but managed to jump out of the car. She ran to the closest house to call police after leaving her cell phone in the suspect's vehicle. Medics transported the victim to San Francisco General Hospital.

Sept. 29, 9:38 p.m., 1100 block of Sanchez,

Attempted Robbery with a Gun: The victim of an attempted robbery told Officer Balingit that she was walking on Sanchez near 25th when a suspect approached her from behind and showed her a black semi-automatic handgun in his front waistband. He told her, "It's time to give me all your stuff!" then grabbed her handbag. The victim held on to her bag during a physical struggle that left her on the ground. As the suspect fled, the victim yelled out, "I'm going to call the police!" The suspect was described as a Hispanic juvenile male, thin build, 5-foot-9, 160 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, white T-shirt, and dark baggy jeans.

Sept. 28 to Oct. 5, 200 block of Chattanooga, Theft of a Bicycle: A man reported to Mission Station that he parked his unlocked bicycle in his garage and when he returned a week later discovered his bicycle had been stolen. The bike is described as a chrome Bianchi Pista 59cm hike valued at \$1,000.

Sept 29 to Oct. 6, 200 block of Clipper, Theft of a Bicycle: A man reported to Officer Buckner that a suspect entered the side service door of his apartment building, cut the lock, and stole his locked bicycle from the back yard. The bike is described as a black 2009 Specialized Allez Triple road bike (serial number M81L6647) valued at \$900.

Oct. 5 to 6, 2 p.m. to 9:30 a.m., 100 block of Chattanooga, Theft from a Vehicle: Officers Felix and Fuentes responded to a call of vehicle vandalism. The victim told police that he parked and locked his silver 2004 Chevy Malibu on the street overnight. When he returned, he found damage to his right back passenger window and right front passenger window sill. Taken were a black Canon S90 camera (\$400) and camera tripods valued at \$320.

REPORT FROM INGLESIDE STATION

The following police blotter covers incidents reported Sept. 11 to Oct. 10, in Upper Noe Valley—the area roughly bounded by Cesar Chavez, Guerrero, 30th, and Diamond streets. Incidents were culled from newsletters produced by Ingleside Police Station. The Voice thanks Officer Harry Soulette for his

help in retrieving this month's items. Note: The log may not include all crimes occurring during the period.

Sept. 13, 1 a.m., 300 block of 27th, Vandalism to Vehicles: Two vehicles sustained broken windows, likely by the same suspect(s). Nothing was stolen from either vehicle. Officer Hart responded and prepared a report.

Sept. 13, 7:45 a.m., 100 block of 27th, Theft from Locked Auto: A victim called 311 and reported that her parked, locked, and unat-

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Police Borders

Noe Valley is split between two San Francisco police jurisdictions—Mission Police District and Ingleside Police District—with Cesar Chavez Street as the dividing line. Mission Station covers the northern half of the neighborhood, while Ingleside patrols the southern half. Both districts invite citizens to attend police community meetings, held monthly. Mission Police District holds meetings on the last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., at Mission Station, 630 Valencia Street near 17th Street. Ingleside's community meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Ingleside Station, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane.

Police Contacts

Mission Station: 558-5400
Anonymous Tip Line: 552-4558
Newsletter: sfpd.mission.station@sfgov.org
Capt. Greg Corrales: 558-5455
Gregory.Corrales@sfgov.org
Ingleside Station: 404-4000
Anonymous Tip Line: 587-8984
Newsletter: sfpd.ingleside.station@sfgov.org
Capt. Louis Cassanego: 404-4030
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tended vehicle was broken into by an unknown person. Four dollars in quarters was stolen from the vehicle.

Sept. 14, 7:42 a.m., 1600 block of Noe, Theft from Vehicle: Officer Vizcay and Sergeant Escobar responded to a report of an auto-hoisting. The victim said he came out to his car to find that it had a shattered window. Missing from inside the car was a GPS system.

Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., 1600 block of Sanchez, Attempted Burglary: Officers Curry and Muro responded to a report of a burglary. The reportee, a resident of a shared building, said someone had tried to force his way into the garages of the building by damaging the door handles.

Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m., 400 block of 28th, Theft from Locked Auto: Officer Hart was contacted by a man who showed him that his vehicle's window had been smashed. The victim stated that new clothing in bags and some electronic car accessories had been stolen.

Sept. 17, 3:25 p.m., 27th and Sanchez, Traffic Collision

Sept. 17, 5:45 p.m., San Jose Ave. at Randall, Traffic Collision, Hit-and-Run

Sept. 17, 8:30 p.m., 400 block of 28th, Vandalism to Vehicle: Officer Hart was flagged down by a victim, who stated that her vehicle's window had been smashed but no property had been taken from the car.

Sept. 18, 9:54 p.m., 700 block of San Jose Ave., Recovered Auto

Sept. 22, 7:49 p.m., 100 block of Duncan, Recovered Auto

Sept. 23, 7:20 p.m., 600 block of 27th, Attempted Robbery: Officer Gonzales responded to a report of a robbery. The victim said she was walking down the sidewalk when she felt someone grab her purse and try to take it away. The victim struggled with the suspect and fell down. The suspect continued to assault the victim by kicking her, and left only after the victim started to scream. The suspect then got into a beige sedan and was driven away. The suspect was described as an African American female (5-foot-5, 165 pounds, aged 19 to 20) wearing a dark blue sweater.

Sept. 26, 10:45 a.m., 400 block of 29th, Burglary, Apartment: Officer Larocca re-

sponded to a residential burglary and met with the victim, who stated that his bicycle was stolen from a common garage in the building. The victim showed the officer that a lock securing the bicycle was broken by the suspect. The front door of the building was not able to be secured due to previous damage.

Sept. 29, 4:40 a.m., 200 block of 27th, Burglary: Officers Morse and Padilla responded to a report of a burglary. The victim said he was getting ready for work when he heard loud banging noises coming from his garage. He went into the garage and noticed that the garage door was open and his mountain bike was missing.

Sept. 30, 8:47 a.m., first block of 29th, Stolen Auto

Oct. 4, 2:20 a.m., 1500 block of Sanchez, Stolen Vehicle/Property: Officers Tam, Hauscarriague, Almaguer, Burke, Chan, and Guzman were working in plain clothes in an auto-hoost operation. They saw a man walking up and down streets, looking into cars. The officers then saw the man drive off in what appeared to be a stolen car. The car was followed as it drove off in a dangerous manner. The driver then sped away as the officers tried to stop the vehicle. The suspect and vehicle were later found by the CHP, after the suspect crashed the car against a guardrail while driving without headlights on. The suspect was on probation, and a search of his residence yielded multiple stolen items, which the suspect admitted to stealing.

Oct. 9, 1:08 p.m., Church at Duncan, Theft from Person: Officers Shugars and Kneuker met with the victim of a theft that had just occurred. The victim said she had sat down on a bench and set her phone down next to her. As she was reaching for something else and turned back around, she saw one of two men walking by take her phone. The two men then ran off in different directions. The suspect who took the phone was later found on a Muni bus by Officers Goldsborough and Hornstein, and he was identified by the victim. The suspect was charged with grand theft from person.

Oct. 9, 10:16 p.m., 300 block of Duncan, Attempted Theft from Vehicle: Officer Ma responded to a report of a possible vehicle burglary. The witness said she had been awoken by the sound of breaking glass. She looked outside and saw that a car had been broken into and that two people were walking away from it. The suspects were described as a woman of an unknown race (5-foot-2, 110 pounds, aged 20 to 25) wearing a long red shirt, and a man of an unknown race.

This month's Police Beat was edited by Sally Smith and Jan Goben.

Shop Owner 'Takes Back the Night' After Burglary

By Corrie M. Anders

The case of the People v. Mark Kelley, Superior Court file #10026419, is a fairly typical one in the daily occurrence of crime in San Francisco.

But it was anything but a routine matter for Marcy Israel, co-owner of Wink SF, a 24th Street boutique that is chock full of everything from fun gifts to jewelry to bath and kitchen goods.

On a fateful night last summer, Israel's fashionable shop was the target of a burglar who ripped off thousands of dollars in merchandise.

At 12:25 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24, he smashed open the glass of the shop's front door, at 4107 24th Street near Castro Street.

The burglar knew what to look for in the crowded store. He disregarded costume trinkets and took a tray of expensive goods that included name-brand watches and special pieces of jewelry. But he also left blood on a glass display case and fingerprints on the inside of the case.

"He wasn't that bright," Israel said. "If he had left fingerprints on the outside of the case, he could have been just a customer. He also left DNA."

A motorist observed the break-in and notified police, with two officers arriving within six minutes, Israel said. "We have to be thankful that person took the trouble to report it," she said.

The fingerprints matched those of Kelley, 46, a Mission District resident whom the San Francisco District Attorney's office said had prior arrests for burglary and other offenses. Police arrested Kelley on Sept. 3.

Assistant District Attorney Seth Steward, a spokesman for the District Attorney's Office, said Kelley later pled guilty to felony grand theft of personal property. Another charge of second-degree burglary was dismissed in exchange for the guilty plea.

Restitution Sought

Israel was relieved at the news, but far from satisfied. In September, she set off on a one-person campaign to make sure that Kelley didn't end up with "a slap on the hand." She especially wanted com-

pensation for her losses.

Israel pestered the DA's office to pursue a meaningful sentence. She sent the same request to Supervisor Bevan Dufty's office.

In her six years on 24th Street, Israel said, victimized merchants have often displayed a laissez-faire attitude towards criminals. "I think it's so sad that we as merchants get broken into, and we see it as a matter of course," she said.

Since "burglary seems to affect most stores in Noe Valley," Israel also sent an email petition to local merchants that urged them to voice their sentencing concerns to the court.

"I am asking that since they actually caught someone, that [prosecutors] take this seriously," Israel wrote. "We don't want continued break-ins."

"I am also requesting they require restitution. It seems in the sentencing, they have forgotten there is even a victim, and I feel the robber should be held accountable for the loss he caused me," she said.

A Good Outcome

In the end, it is clear Israel's efforts had an impact.

Kelley was sentenced Oct. 15 to three years probation, with credit for 19 days of jail time already served. He must submit to a search at any time, either at home or in a vehicle. In addition, the judge ordered him to stay at least 150 yards from Israel's store.

Steward said the District Attorney's office indeed took the case seriously. "It's a felony case and it's a felony conviction," Steward said. "And he's going to do three years probation and he has to stay away from that location."

Because Israel does not know what Kelley looks like, the DA is taking one other step to put the shopkeeper "at ease," Steward said.

"We're sending her a mug shot" so she'll be able to recognize Kelley if he comes near her store. The Police Department and the DA's office wants to "make sure this guy stays out of the area and is no longer a concern to her," Steward said.

In addition, Kelley will return to court Nov. 24 for a restitution hearing. At that time, a judge will determine the amount of compensation due the shop owner.

Israel said she believes her due diligence has paid off. "I think that given everything, it is a good outcome," she said.

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Jane Dubuque, (holding up a copy of her favorite newspaper) sent us this photo of the watercolor painting students studying under **Kay Russell** at City College of San Francisco. The group was on a field trip to the Greek island of Skopelos.

Seated, from left are **Patricia O'Connell, Marlene Kramer, Carole Freidenberg, Kay Russell** and **Jane Dubuque**.

Standing, from left, are **Jean Spitzer, Pam Rabonowitz, Gail Block, Peter Jamgochian, Camille Morishige, Debbie Ziemke, Sue Smith, and Heather Solaway**.

Care to join them, in the pages of the *Noe Valley Voice*? Write to editor@noevalleyvoice.com. You'll soon become a member of our elite corps of correspondents reporting from far away and across the borders of our fair valley. Thank you!

The ruins of Ephesus in Selcuk, Turkey provided the backdrop for our intrepid trio of travelers (from left) **Roger Drosd, Laurel Turner, and Mackenzie Drosd**.



Cyrus Unvala stands at the famous Gateway of India in South Mumbai, with his traveling reading material in hand. The photo was taken this Cyrus's dad **Feroza** during their trip this past June.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Bliss Bar's COMEDY Open Mic Night is hosted by Jacob Goldstein starting at 8 pm. 4026 24th. 826-6200; blissbarsf.com.

Nov. 1-20: CREATIVITY EXPLORED hosts a group exhibit, "Ritual/Habitual: Linking Object, Context, and Action." Reception Oct. 7, 7-9 pm; Mon.-Wed. & Fri., 10 am-3 pm, Thurs., 10 am-7 pm; Sat., 1-6 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Nov. 1-29: NOE VALLEY JOGGERS meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 am and Saturdays at 8:30 am at the corner of 23rd and Diamond for a 30-minute walk/jog across local terrain. 509-6261.

Nov. 1-29: Chris Sequeira offers free Wednesday and Friday introductory OIGONG/TAI CHI at the Glen Park baseball field, Elk & Chenery, at 10:30 am, and at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, at 6 pm Mondays. 773-8185; livingtaichiprinciples.blogspot.com.

Nov. 1-30: OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets Mon.-Sat., 7 am. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

Nov. 1-30: Noe Valley SENIOR CENTER serves hot lunches for people over 60, weekdays at 12:30 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. Call to reserve a spot, 648-1030.

Nov. 1-Dec. 13: The group Golden Gate Artists exhibits "A Brush with Color," an 11-woman ART SHOW at Gallery Sanchez within the Noe Valley Ministry. Reception Nov. 13, 2-4 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; joanniyates@gmail.com.

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Sing along with Patrick Sosa at Phoenix Books' Tuesday STORY HOUR, for babies to age 4. 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477.

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Tuesday BABY AND ME YOGA at Kiki-Yo is open to pre-crawling babies and their caregivers. 11 am-12:30 pm. 605 B Chenery 587-5454; kiki-yo.com.

Nov. 2, 9, 23 & 30: The Noe Valley Library's TODDLER TALES feature rhymes, movement, and music. 10:15-10:45 & 11-11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 2, 9, 23 & 30: Eureka Valley Library's Tuesday TOODLER TALES, for ages 18 months to 3 years, starts at 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 2-30: City Guides offers WALKING TOURS of the Castro on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays. Meet at 11 am at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro & Market) under the rainbow flag. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 3, 10 & 17: Eureka Valley Library's Wednesday BABY RHYME TIME, for 0-18 months, begins at 1:30 pm; a family story time for ages 3 to 5 starts at 3:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616. sfpl.org.

Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25: A Thursday STROLLER WALK through the neighborhood starts at Holey Bagel at 11 am. 3872 24th.

Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25: Stephanie Fields leads a BELLY DANCE class for all levels at Cardio Tone. 2:30-3:30 pm. 3813 24th. 557-6392; cardio-tone.com.

Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25: CANOLELIT YOGA at Kiki-Yo emphasizes deep relaxation. 7 pm. 605 B Chenery. 587-5454; kiki-yo.com.

Nov. 4-25: PAL-ERSIZE Adventure in Fitness is for kids 18 to 30 months old. 9-9:45 am. MoBu Dance Studio, 1605 Church. 550-PALS; pal-ersize.com.

Nov. 5: Megan Brown of Edward Jones Investments discusses LONG-TERM CARE planning. 10 am. 4190 24th. Call to reserve a spot: 282-4079.

Nov. 5: Julia Della Croce introduces *ITALIAN Home Cooking: 125 Recipes to Comfort the Soul*. 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 5: The Manning Kasson Darter TRIO performs at the Noe Valley Music Series at the Noe Valley Ministry. 8:15 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26: CLARE tells tales for kids at Cover to Cover's story hour. Fridays, 10:30 am. 1307 Castro. 282-8080.

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26: Shout "BINGO!" at St. Paul's Friday nights at 7 pm. Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.

Nov. 5-26: The Friday night "Jazz in the Bookshop" series at BIR0 & BECKETT begins at 5:30 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

Nov. 5-26: Olores Park Cafe hosts Friday MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Olores. 621-2936. doloressparkcafe.org.

Nov. 6: Tartine Bakery co-owner Chad Robertson discusses *TARTINE BREAD*. 1-2 pm. Omnivore Books. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 6: The group Parents for PUBLIC SCHOOLS holds a workshop on how to find a public school in SF. 3-4:30 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 861-7077; info@ppssf.org.

Nov. 6: Noe Valley Music Series at the Noe Valley Ministry hosts a performance by TANGO No. 9. 8:15 pm. 1021 Sanchez. noevalleymusicseries.com; 454-5238.

Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27: Andrea's BELLY DANCE Boot Camp includes strengthening exercises. 12:30-1:30 pm. MoBu Dance Studio, 1605 Church. andreabellydance.com.

Nov. 6-27: Come hear music at the Noe Valley FARMERS' MARKET, held Saturdays, 8 am-1 pm. 24th & Vicksburg. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Nov. 6-27: Craig Ventresco and Meredith Axelrod play BLUES at the Atlas Cafe. 4-6 pm. 3049 20th. 648-1047.

Nov. 6 & Dec. 4: Precita Eyes Mural Arts hosts a MURAL WALK on first Saturdays. Meet at 11 am at the 16th Street BART plaza near the Wells Fargo

Bank sign. 285-2287; precitaeyes.org.

Nov. 6-Dec. 5: STANO-UP COMIC Marilyn Pittman performs a show at the Marsh. *It's All the Rage*. Sat., 8:30 pm; Sun., 7 pm. 1062 Valencia. 826-5750.

Nov. 7: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC's Emerging Artists concert features soprano Heidi Melton and pianist Allen Perriello. 4 pm. Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, 455 Fair Oaks. 648-5236;



Soprano Heidi Melton performs Nov. 7 in a Noe Valley Chamber Music concert at Holy Innocents Church.

nvcm.org.

Nov. 7: In a benefit for 826 Valencia, Amanda Hesser, Daniel Patterson, and Celia Sack discuss the art of FOOD WRITING. 7-9 pm. Women's Building, 3543 18th. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 7, 14 & 21: The Sunday Afternoon JAZZ Series at Bliss Bar features Brazilian music by the Celia Malheiros Trio (Nov. 7), Larry Vuckovich performing with Dima and Al Molina (Nov. 14), and Wanda Stafford, Larry Vuckovich, and Buca Necak (Nov. 21). 4:30-7:30 pm. 4026 24th. 826-6200; blissbarsf.com.

Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28: Learn about MISSION DOLORES at a City Guides walk on Sundays, 11 am. Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church. 557-4266;

sfcityguides.org

Nov. 7 & 21: Paxton Gate offers a TERRARIUM WORKSHOP at its Curiosities for Kids location. 11 am-1 pm. 766 Valencia. 824-1872; paxtongate.com.

Nov. 7 & 21: SF City Guides leads free WALKING TOURS of Noe Valley, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library 451 Jersey 557-4266; sfcityguides.org

Nov. 7 & Dec. 5: Rocket DOG RESCUE has dogs looking for homes. Noon-4 pm. Zephyr Real Estate, 4040 24th. 642-4786.

Nov. 8: STEVE DUBLANICA discusses *Keep the Change: A Clueless Tipper's Quest to Become the Guru of the Gratitude*. 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 8: The Monthly Rumpus, hosted by STEPHEN ELLIOTT, features authors Chris Colin, Andrew Winer, Kristen Tracy and M.G. Martin, comedy by Emily Heller, music by Boy in the Bubble and Chris Von Sneidern, and food by the Girl From Empanada; age 21 and older. 7-9:30 pm. Make-Out Room, 3225 22nd thrumpus.net.

Nov. 8: KUNG PAO KOSHER COMEDY presents a show at El Rio, starring Ohaya Lakshminarayanan, Sammy Obeid, Pippi Lovestocking, David Kleinberg, and Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm. 3158 Mission. 522-3737; koshercomedy.com.

Nov. 10: Parents for Public Schools offers a WORKSHOP on school enrollment. 1:30-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 861-7077; info@ppssf.org.

Nov. 10: The Noe Valley Ministry hosts the final LABYRINTH WALK at 1021 Sanchez. 6:30-7:30 pm. 282-2317.

Nov. 10: The Beat Museum hosts an evening with WAVY GRAVY. 7 pm. 540 Broadway. 399-9626; kerouac.com.

Nov. 10: Author MICHAEL CASTLEMAN discusses his latest mystery, *A Killing in Real Estate*. 7 pm. Books Inc., Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness. 776-1111; AKillingInRealEstate.com.

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Bay Area FOUND FOOTAGE screens at 7:30 pm. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th. sfcinema.org

Nov. 11: Openhouse Outreach invites LGBT SENIORS to second-Thursdays meetings at 30th Street Senior Center. 10 am. 225 30th. 296-8995.

Nov. 11: ARTIST reception for Erica il Cane's exhibit "We Were Living in the Woods," at Fifty24SF Gallery 7:30-10 pm. 218 Fillmore. 312-4120

Nov. 12: Barbara Fairchild introduces Bon Appetit DESSERTS: *The Cookbook for All Things Sweet and Wonderful*. 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 12: *Opium Magazine's* Literary DEATH MATCH features readers Craig Clevenger, Thaisa Frank, Sam Sax, and Kwei Quartey, and judges Michael Krasny, Dennis the Menace, and Nicki le Masurier. 6-9:30 pm. Elbo Room, 647 Valencia. 552-7788; www.elbo.com.

Nov. 12 & 13: ODC Theater presents Paul Drescher Ensemble's ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC band. 3153 17th. 863-9834

Nov. 13: LADYBUG GARDENERS invites you to help weed and tend the park at Upper Noe Rec. Center, Day and Sanchez. 9 am to noon. 970-8061; jrlion@aol.com.

Nov. 13: Local doulas and MIDWIVES gather on second Saturdays at Natural Resources. 2-4 pm. 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; www.naturalresources-sf.com.

Nov. 1-Dec. 13: Gallery Sanchez at the Noe Valley Ministry hosts a WATER-COLOR SHOW given by Golden Gate Artists. Reception Nov. 13, 2-4 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

Nov. 13: Take a "Connecting the City" BIKE RIDE on a route starting at the Aquatic Park Bathhouse, Beach & Polk. 10 am-1 pm. 431-8IKE; sfbike.org.

Nov. 13: "Part Deux" of the Noe Valley Tech Search Party is a smart phone team SCAVENGER HUNT to benefit four local public schools. 5:30-8 pm. James Lick Middle School Auditorium, Noe &

25th. techsearchparty.com.

Nov. 13: "An Evening at CASBAH ST. PAUL," the church's annual auction and dinner dance, will be held at Patio Español 6-11:30 pm. 2850 Alemany. 648-7538

Nov. 13 & 14: SF CHORAL SOCIETY presents "*Liaisons françaises*," music featuring composers Durufle, Faure, Lauridsen, Hindemith, and others. Nov. 13, 8 pm; Nov. 14, 4 pm. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore. 392-4400; cityboxoffice.com.

Nov. 14: Find CHOCOLATE Bliss, recipes and essays by Susie Norris, at Omnivore Books. 3-4 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 14 & 18: Thomas Gladysz describes his LOUISE BROOKS edition of the 1905 novel *Diary of a Lost Girl*, and screens the 1929 silent film based on the book. Nov. 14, 1 pm, Main Library, 100 Larkin. 557-4400; sfpl.org. Nov. 18 (no screening): 7:30 pm, Books, Inc., 2275 Market. 864-6777.

Nov. 15: Writer/mime Leonard Pitt gives a PowerPoint presentation of his new book, *Paris: A Journey Through Time*, at ODD MONDAYS at the Noe Valley Ministry. 7:30 pm; no-host dinner Haystack Pizza, 6 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317

Nov. 15: "Don't Call Me Retard," a benefit for Creativity Explored at the PORCHLIGHT storytelling series, also features short animated videos. 8 pm. Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa. 863-2108.

Nov. 16: FILMS for children screen at 10:15 and 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 16: Ellen Harden discusses "Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne, and Beyond: POST IMPRESSIONIST Masterpieces from the Musée d'Orsay" at the Eureka Valley. 7-8 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 17: Author Tom Hudgens describes

The COMMONSENSE Kitchen. 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 17: The BOOK DISCUSSION group at the Noe Valley Library meets from 7 to 8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707.

Nov. 17: Mission Cultural Center hosts a MOLE TASTING 7-10 pm. 2868 Mission: 643-2796; missionculturalcenter.org.

Nov. 17: David Binder recaps the Nov. 2 elections at the Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC CLUB meeting. 7:30 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond

Nov. 17: Dr. Lynn Cominsky discusses "Exploring the Extreme Universe with Fermi" at the SF Amateur ASTRONOMERS' lecture series. 7:30 pm. Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way. 554-9600.

Nov. 18: Teens age 13 to 18 are invited to make LUCHA LIBRE felt buttons and pins at the Glen Park Library. 4-5:30 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Nov. 18: A DOCUMENTARY FILM about childhood achievement and burnout, *Race to Nowhere*, screens at James Lick. 7 pm. rtnjameslickhs.eventbrite.com.

Nov. 18: The EUREKA VALLEY Promotion Association meets the third Thursday of the month. 7-8:30 pm. Chase Bank Conference Room, 2112 15th. 437-9414; www.evpa.org

Nov. 19: Julia Rice exhibits "Out of the Box: Women, Beauty & Aging," PORTRAITS featuring older women at 30th Street Senior Center. 2-5 pm. 225 30th. julianiceart.com.

Nov. 19 & 20: The fourth annual HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR at the de Young Museum features local arts and crafts. Fri., 9:30 am-8:30 pm; Sat., 9:30 am-4:30 pm. 750-3642.

Nov. 19-21: The SF World Music Festival premieres the RITUAL PROJECT, a three-day music event at Jewish Com-

munity Center of SF. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm. 3200 California. 292-1233; sfworldmusicfestival.org.

Nov. 20: Rosetta Costantino discusses *My Calabria: Rustic FAMILY COOKING from Italy's Undiscovered South*. 1-2 pm. Omnivore Books. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 20: The SCOTCH SOCIAL, a fundraiser for the Noe Valley Ministry's elevator, offers an opportunity to compare six whiskeys. 7-9:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317

Nov. 21: The SF 8th and BABY FAIR features workshops, demonstrations, and resources. 10 am-5 pm. Herbst Pavilion at Ft. Mason. 867-0291; birthandbabyfair.com.

Nov. 21: The St. Francis CHORAL performs two Roman Masses, directed by David Schofield. 4 pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Market. 621-2635.

Nov. 27: The SF Museum and Historical Society sponsors a WALKING TOUR of Mission Dolores, led by Al Lopez. 1-3:30 pm. Meet on the Mission Steps, 16th & Dolores. 537-1105; sfhistory.org.

Nov. 27: The SF Zoo offers a family TWILIGHT TOUR. 5-9 pm. Sloat at the Great Highway. Preregistration required. 753-8135; wildnights@sfzoo.org.

Nov. 27-28 & Dec. 4-5: Enjoy the Celebration of CRAFTSWOMEN on two weekends at Ft. Mason, Marina and Buchanan. 10 am-5 pm. 248-1373; celebrationofcraftswomen.org.

Nov. 29: Mir Tamim Ansary discusses and reads from his books at the ODD MONDAYS series at the Noe Valley Ministry. 7:30 pm; no-host dinner Haystack Pizza, 6 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

Nov. 30: Books, Inc. hosts a BENEFIT for Alvarado School, with 15 percent of purchases donated. 6-8 pm. 2275 Market. 864-6777.

Nov. 30: Inge Horton discusses her book, *Early WOMEN ARCHITECTS of the SF Bay Area*, at the SF History Association meeting. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org

Dec. 3 & 4: Gallery of JEWELS holds a trunk show in celebration of the holidays. Call for time. 4089 24th. 550-0226.

Dec. 4: The 27th annual SWEDISH CHRISTMAS FAIR features traditional music, dancing, food, and glögg, and a Santa Lucia pageant. 9 am-4 pm. St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough. 823-6957; swea.org/sanfrancisco.

Dec. 4: The annual NOEL STROLL features carolers and musicians along 24th and Castro streets, and special treats at shops in the neighborhood. 4-7 pm. 285-4068.

Dec. 4 & 11: Zephyr Real Estate sponsors YULE RIDES—rides in a horse-drawn wagon—as part of "24 Holidays on 24th Street." Dec. 4, 4-7 pm. Dec. 11, noon-5 pm. Board at Walgreen's on Castro. 385-1827

Dec. 5: SF CHIHUAHUA's Small Dog Holiday Extravaganza will be held at the WAG Hotel from 1 to 4 pm. 25 14th.

Dec. 5: Chabad Noe Valley and Just for Fun co-host the annual MENORAH LIGHTING on 3982 24th near Noe. 4-6:30 pm. 285-4068.

Dec. 5: The SF BICYCLE COALITION holds a Winterfest fundraiser and art show, featuring music and a silent auc-

Remember December

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the December 2010/January 2011 issue, hitting the streets the first week of December. So our deadline for December and January calendar items will be a tad later than usual, Friday, **Nov. 19**. Email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, SF, CA 94146. Note: Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thanks for your understanding. Happy Thanksgiving.

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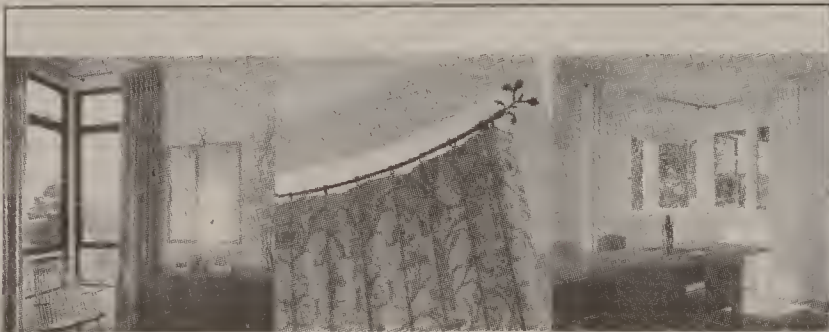
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The Teething Tether—Invented In ‘Baby Valley’

By Heather World

Tim McManus and wife Katrin winced. For the third time in less than a minute, five-month-old daughter Ella had dropped to the floor the carrot sticks the staff of Mi Lindo Yucatan had so graciously brought to the lunch table. But then a lightbulb switched on in Tim's head.

"I got to thinking of those 'Chinese finger cuffs,'" said the 48-year-old Clipper Street resident, referring to a gag toy that tightens around your finger when you try to pull it out. The cuffs were not for Ella's fingers, mind you, but to hold the carrot or teething biscuit she liked to gnaw on to soothe her gums.

Thus was born HandyBites, a teething tether that McManus designed to keep gnaw-ables within baby's reach and off the floor. One end of the tether grips the food—or toy or rattle or toothbrush—and the other clips on to the child's clothing.

"Originally, I just wanted to make something for us to use personally," McManus relates, "but as we strolled around the neighborhood—hanging out in front of Martha's, Bernie's, and the farmers market—I got a lot of feedback from people encouraging me to actually try and convert this into a product."

Though he handled the production and sale of the first 20,000 HandyBites himself, McManus recently licensed his tether design to Boon, Inc., a company that sells clever children's products designed in a simple, modern way. Like other Boon products, the tether will be found in retail giants like Walmart, Target, and Babies "R" Us, as well as in specialty stores in 50 countries come January.

Luck and Work

McManus is no industrial engineer—he runs his own manufacturing consulting firm—and he credits his success with HandyBites to a mix of luck and hard work.

His first move back in 2007, after the dropped-carrot-lunch, was to look up Chinese finger cuffs in Wikipedia. There he learned that the mechanism behind trapping fingers was the toy's "biaxial braided sleeve." A Google search revealed that the biaxial braid has many industrial applications, so McManus found a supplier and requested a sample of the



Tim McManus, wife Katrin, and 4-year-old daughter Ella demonstrate HandyBites, the teething tether that Tim invented to keep nibbles from dropping on the floor.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

material for his prototype.

When it was finished, he sent his gadget to labs certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and asked them to test for common hazards, like choking, and to perform a chemical analysis. Results showed the material contained no Bisphenol A or phthalates, two plastic additives suspected of being dangerous to children.

"Here's this thing used for industrial applications that's actually made from material that's safe enough for a baby to chew on," he says.

Soon Ella had a HandyBites attached to her car seat, to her highchair, to her stroller. And she was eager to use it, her father says. When her biscuit was done, she knew how to hand the tether up to her parents for a refill even before she knew how to say "more," McManus says.

Parents Eat It Up

Emboldened by his informal 24th Street focus group, McManus further tested the market waters by commissioning a small production run of HandyBites and selling them at the 2008 Harvest Festival.

Parents ate it up, he says.

McManus, a Noe Valley resident since 1984, found neighborhood support beyond just parents, too. In the spring of 2009, Peekahootique's Michele Furlong agreed to sell HandyBites at her store on Castro Street.

Made entirely in the United States, the tether sold for \$8.95. In April 2009, McManus took it on the road and attended a trade show for children's products. He signed up a number of "mom and pop" stores to carry HandyBites and found distributors as far away as Korea.

The idea, says McManus, was to prove to large distributors like Target that the product would sell. Though HandyBites was successful, its inventor was more than relieved when he attended his second trade show in December of 2009 and met Rebecca Finell, the designer behind Boon products.

This was the ABC Kids Expo in Las Vegas, the granddaddy of all "juvenile products" expos. Finell was looking for more products to complement her line, which to date had been designed entirely by herself. Of all the new ideas at the

expo, only HandyBites appealed to her, she told McManus.

"She's one of the most amazing designers I've ever seen," he says. "I'm so flattered."

The Next Bite

As a product in Finell's stable, the teething tether will no longer be called HandyBites. Its new name is the Gnaw, in keeping with Boon's IKEA-like product names. The Gnaw was launched at this year's Las Vegas Expo, held in October.

Meanwhile, McManus has moved on to his next invention, an accessory used to prepare gourmet food.

"It's a lot of work," says McManus, estimating he spent around 400 hours on HandyBites—creating the prototype, taking photographs, designing the website, creating banners for the trade shows—before sending it to market.

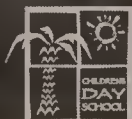
Still, he hasn't given up his day job of streamlining manufacturing processes.

"Now that I've had to walk the walk myself, I understand when I go into status meetings and people don't have their stuff done," he says. "It's hard."

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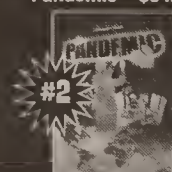


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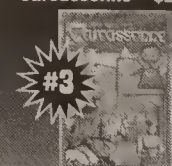
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What's Cooking at The Library

By Susan Higgins
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This month we're featuring good books you may have missed: popular titles from last year that had been in high demand at the library but are now easier to find on the shelves. The selection includes both fiction and non-fiction, for many tastes and interests. And for those of you who are beginning to think about the holidays, here's a list of some of the newer cookbooks in our collection. They may help you find inspiration and new ideas for great holiday meals.

Adult Fiction

- Winner of last year's Man Booker Prize, *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel is a fictional account of the lives and times of Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell.
- *The Surrendered* by Chang-Rae Lee is the story of a Korean War refugee dying of cancer in the U.S. who goes to Europe to search for her son.

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MORE BOOKS TO READ

- The final book by novelist and journalist Dominick Dunne, *Too Much Money*, brings back the wealthy New Yorkers introduced in his 1988 novel *People Like Us*.
- Hype or good thriller? Check out *The Lost Symbol*, the latest bestseller by *Da Vinci Code* author Dan Brown, to find out.
- Two women in a small New England town follow a female American radio reporter covering World War II London in *The Postmistress*, the first novel by Sarah Blake.
- Recently translated into English, *Desert* by Nobel Laureate J.M.G. Le Clézio tells the story of a North African tribe driven from its land in 1909 and the contemporary story of one of the tribe's descendants, an orphan living in Morocco who flees to France to escape a forced marriage.
- *Inherent Vice* by Thomas Pynchon is a private-eye story set in Los Angeles during the psychedelic 1960s.

Adult Nonfiction

- *Bright-Sided: How the Relentless Promotion of Positive Thinking Has Undermined America* by Barbara Ehrenreich is a provocative look at the negative effects of optimism from the author of *Nickel and Dimed*.
- Hundreds of interviews provide a fascinating look behind the scenes of the 2008 presidential election in *Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime*, by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin.
- Jake Adelstein, the only American journalist ever admitted to the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Press Club, provides a fascinating and sometimes

- humorous look at the seedy side of Japan in *Tokyo Vice: An American Reporter on the Police Beat in Japan*.
- Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, chronicles his efforts to build relationships with village leaders and provide children with education in *Stones Into Schools: Promoting Peace With Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*.
- *The Bolter* by Frances Osborne describes the life and adventures of five-time divorcee Lady Idina Sackville and the adulterous lifestyles of high society in London and in Africa in the early 1900s.
- Former *New York Times* restaurant critic Frank Bruni recounts his lifelong struggle with food in *Born Round: The Secret History of a Full-Time Eater*. Bestselling author Mary Karr's third book, *Lit: A Memoir*, focuses on her addiction to alcohol following the birth of her son and the spiritual awakening that led to her recovery.

Books About Food

- *My New Orleans: The Cookbook* by Chef John Besh offers 200 recipes and personal stories from his family of restaurants in Louisiana.
- Find ideas for using fall and winter fruits, including oranges, persimmons, apples, and dried fruits, in *Seasonal Fruit Desserts From Orchard, Farm, and Market* by Deborah Madison, author of the classic cookbook *Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone*.
- *Supper for a Song* by Tamasin Day-Lewis focuses on healthy, satisfying comfort food recipes and includes a chapter on baking desserts.
- Melissa Gray, producer for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*,

is the author of *All Cakes Considered*, a collection of recipes and photos of more than 50 cakes, plus lots of advice on baking techniques and ingredients.

New Look for Children's Room
The Noe Valley Library has rearranged some of the materials in the Children's Room to make it easier for you to browse some of our more popular sections. Holiday books including Thanksgiving stories and craft books are now located on the shelves directly behind the new books. We've consolidated our children's media collection so you'll find DVDs, music CDs, CD-ROMs, and audiobooks side by side. Graphic novels (comic books) now have their own section along the back wall in the righthand corner.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Toddler Tuesday

The Noe Valley Library sponsors **Toddler Tales**—stories, rhymes, movement, and music—on Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 23, and 30, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and from 11 to 11:30 a.m. The program is aimed at children 18 months to three years old, but all ages are welcome. On the third Tuesday of the month—Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 10:15 and 11 a.m.—the library hosts **Family Films**, short films based on picture books. Please park baby strollers by the elevator.

A Book Club Invite

The Noe Valley Book Discussion **Group** welcomes new members to its monthly meetings. The next get-together will be on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Drop-ins welcome.

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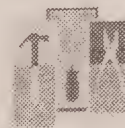
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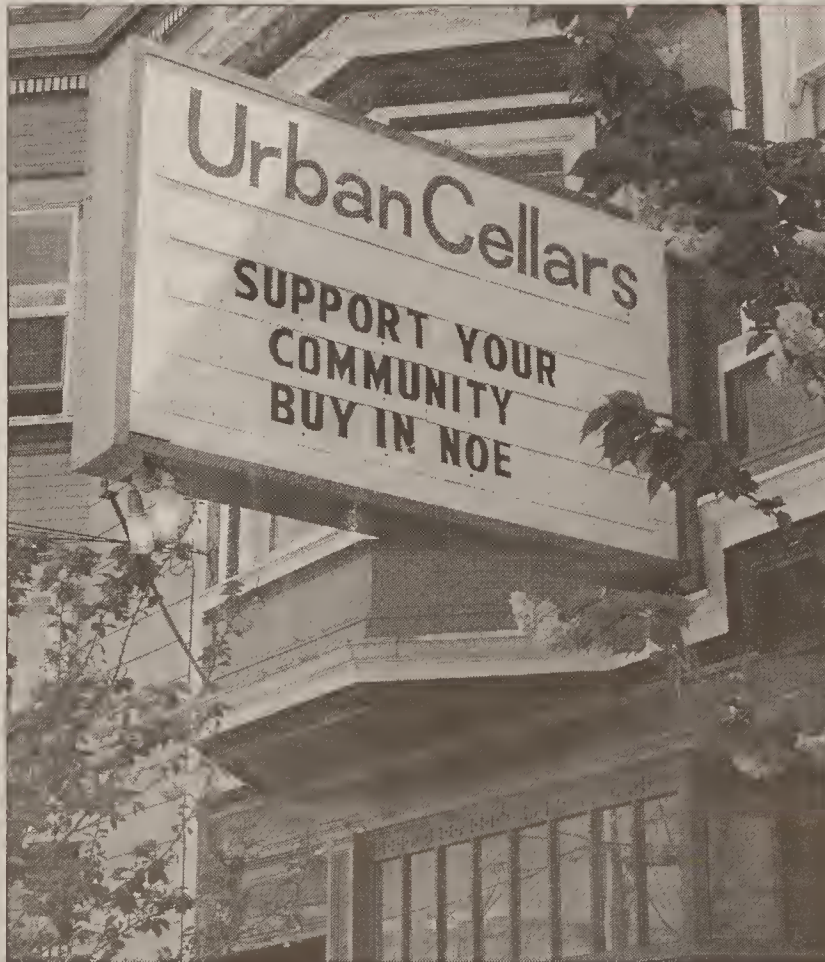
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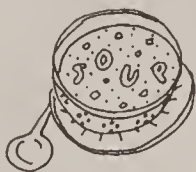
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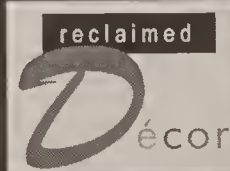
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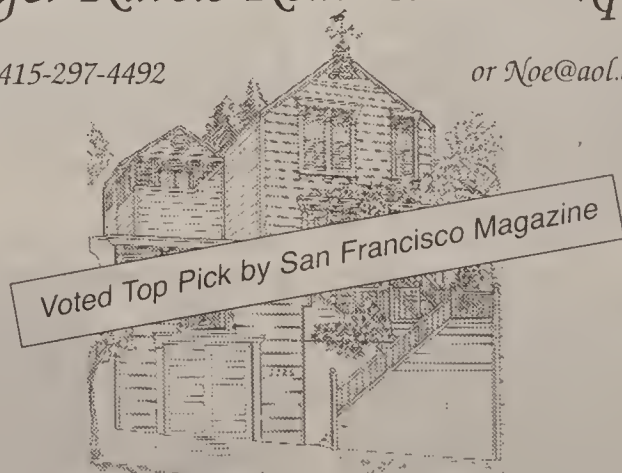
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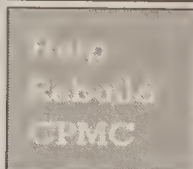
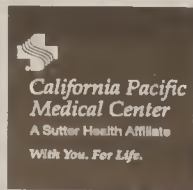


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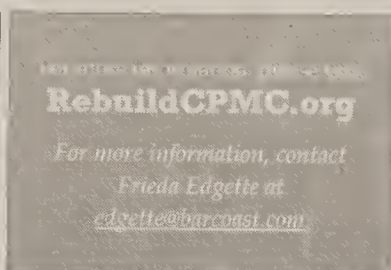
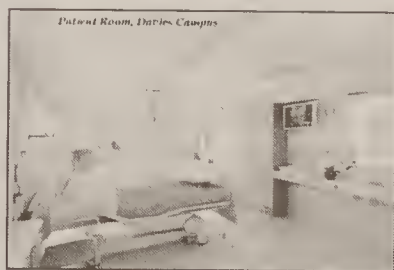
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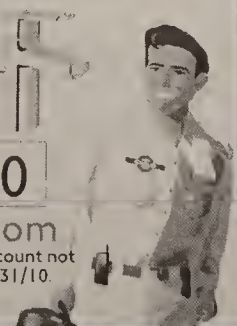
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'Tis the Season to Go Gaga

By Mazook

DATELINE MONDAY, NOV. 1: The Noe Valley Halloween madness has just passed, the Giants are poised for a World Series win, Election Day is tomorrow, Veterans Day is Nov. 11, Thanksgiving is four Thursdays away, Hanukkah a week after that (Dec. 2), and then there's the first day of Muharram (the start of an Islamic new year) Dec. 7, which is also Pearl Harbor Day. After that, we've got only 17 shopping days till the Night Before Christmas, and one week after that it's New Year's Eve, hats, horns, and BOOM! hello 2011.

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THIS WONDERFUL HALLOWEEN, trick-or-treaters abounded in the neighborhood, even more than any year in recent memory. On Halloween morning, many small-fry families attended a party given by the Friends of the Upper Noe Valley Rec Center on Day Street, where there were kids costume and pet parades, pumpkin carvings, and live musical entertainment.

On Halloween afternoon, 24th Street was filled with kids, toddlers, and strollers for the annual promenade to each and every store in Downtown Noe Valley. It has been a major ad hoc neighborhood event since the 1970s, with near total merchant participation. Several onlookers estimated that upwards of a thousand ghosts and goblins were in the parade. Great goodies on 24th

Street are the attraction, and there were bags of treats for all. (Some of you parents might remember a Halloween, circa 1999, when the Ark toy store gave the little folks Beanie Babies.)

"There were wall-to-wall kids, strollers, dogs, and parents," says Bobby Penny, manager of Just for Fun on 24th near Noe. "We gave out over six cases of Jelly Belies and all of our remaining stock of Halloween Pez dispensers with candy." Penny estimates over a thousand families visited the store.

Up 24th Street at Global Exchange, assistant manager Corinne Regan was amazed by the turnout. "We gave out over 2,000 pieces of ['Equal Exchange'] chocolate, one piece to each child," says Regan. In typical Global Exchange fashion, the chocolate was organic and fair-trade-certified, hailing from farms in the Dominican Republic and Peru. "I was really impressed with the number of families who came in [before Halloween] and bought bags to give out as treats at their homes," Regan says.

Regan wants us all to see a recently released documentary, *The Dark Side of Chocolate*, which exposes the use of child labor in the cocoa fields of Ghana, the second largest chocolate producer worldwide.

Further up 24th Street, Azia Yenne Bolos, Small Fry's manager, estimates she doled out "all kinds of candy to almost two thousand kids on Halloween alone, besides probably over a thousand kids on Friday [Oct. 29]," when the local elementary schools had their annual 24th Street Halloween costume parade.

Of course, everyone had to stop at Noe Valley Bakery. Baker Alicia Toyooka says they baked over 1,500 pumpkin cookies for Halloween, and around a thousand for the Friday school parade.

Finally, as the Halloween sun went down, Fair Oaks Street filled with zillions of parading trick-or-treaters—witches and warlocks, and tortured Giants fans. Some of the Fair Oaksters put televisions out as a special treat for the revelers. The same

was true up on Douglass Street, where Bruce Kapsack projected the fourth World Series game onto his garage door, to the delight of his neighbors.

Real estate website Zillow.com last month ranked Noe Valley the number-one "trick-or-treat destination in San Francisco." It also put the City of San Francisco number two nationally (behind Seattle), in a list of the top 20 cities in the U.S. for trick-or-treating. The Zillow rankings were "calculated using four equally weighted data variables": home values, population density, walkability, and crime data. "Based on those variables," states Zillow, "the index represents neighborhoods that will provide the most candy, with the least walking and safety risks." Yep, that's us.

The number one costume demanded this year at the venerable One Stop Party Shop (opened at the corner of Church and 28th in 1988) was Lady Gaga.

"Vampires were also huge," says One Stop's owner Mardie Van Dervort. "But the biggest-selling items this year were beards. People were coming from everywhere to buy a beard, some four, five, or six at a time, so I had my supplier ship me 500 more, air express, and I expect they will go fast."

As all you San Francisco Giants fans know, "Fear the beard!" has been the team's rally cry for their quest to be the best in baseball and is derived from Giants closer Brian Wilson's now internationally recognized boot-black beard.

This year, my favorite costume on 24th Street was the lady dressed up as Meg Whitman, in a black dress suit, handing out \$50 bills (fake) and saying, "Can I buy your vote?"

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RUN SILENT, YOU SLEEP: The J-Church line was drastically revamped over the Columbus Day weekend, when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency replaced the myriad failing streetcar tracks in the intersection at the corner of Church and 30th. This was good news to

everyone who lives at or near that intersection and has been subjected for years to loud, metal-to-metal grinding noises from the city's various fleets of streetcars.

The million-dollar job started with the intersection closing on Friday, Oct. 8, and work went on 24 hours a day until the job was finished on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Neighbors say the grinding sound has been softened. "There is still a rumble when the trains are turning [especially the big Breda cars], but the screeching sounds have been significantly silenced," said Ken Murphy, who lives on 30th Street above the intersection. "Now, if the train operators would only keep their speed at five miles per hour until the *whole* train turns the corner, the rumbling would probably be significantly reduced."

Murphy made a fantastic 13-minute time-lapse video of the construction, which he shot from Friday evening to Tuesday morning. "An image was captured every 15 seconds," he said, "and shot using a Canon A590, with CHDK installed." (CHDK is a firmware replacement for Canon cameras that enables all sorts of additional features.) "Each card would hold about 5,000 shots and would have to be changed every 20 hours," Murphy said.

You can see the video, which has 28,520 images, at <http://vimeo.com/15780202>. In late October, Murphy reports, the video had received over 230,000 views on the Web. It also was recently featured on the Japanese public television network NHK, which interviewed Murphy via Skype.

Murphy works as a web developer at KQED, has been hired by the Exploratorium as an artist-in-residence, and is doing a yearlong time-lapse movie of the sky that will have about 230,000 images. He also will be doing a video of the construction of the new Exploratorium on Piers 15 and along the Embarcadero.

You might also find Ken Murphy's recently released book, called *Blinky Bugs*, at

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Cover to Cover and Just for Fun. "It's a children's activity book where kids can make their own electric insects using low-power LED lights," he says. The book sells for \$20, and should be a hit gift this holiday season.

SEEING THE WORLD: Upper Noe Valleyan and author Susan Krieger has a new book out, *Traveling Blind: Adventures in Vision with a Guide Dog by My Side*, which is getting well-deserved recognition. Krieger was interviewed a few months back by host Moira Gunn on National Public Radio's geek show *Tech Nation*.

The book (Purdue University Press) has been described as "a series of beautifully textured stories [in which] the author takes the reader on a fascinating journey as she travels with Teela, her lively 'golden dog,' through airports, city streets, and southwest desert landscapes. This unusual account of travel will inspire the sighted as well as the blind, offering pointed observations on processes of learning to work with a service animal and on coming to terms with a disability."

Krieger was profiled in the *Voice* in May 2005 following the publication of an earlier memoir called *Things No Longer There*. She was diagnosed in 1996 with a rare eye disease that has gradually taken her sight away. Now she is legally blind.

Kudos also go out to Dylan Donnelly, who this fall began attending the prestigious Parsons School of Design in New York City. Back in 2005, a 12-year-old Dylan won the first Noe Valley Harvest Festival poster contest—he drew the picture of a sprite with a basket of fall leaves. Dylan's

mom, Teresa Donnelly, operates Danu Hair Design on Castro Street.

PASTA LA VISTA: It may be even harder to grab a table at Incanto these days, since the Church Street restaurant has doubled its pasta dishes, and the noodle plates are almost half the price of other entrees on the menu. "In these times, many people want a good meal for a reasonable price, and our pasta dishes have become very popular," said co-owner Mark Pastore.

Pastore says he and co-owner/chef Chris Cosentino bought a pasta extruder which enables them to make their own pasta with whole grains and herbs. "This allows us a lot of creativity, so we even use squid ink, which turns the pasta black," Pastore says.

In other Incanto news, Chef Cosentino and local clothes maker Betabrand have designed a new pair of pants, Gluttony Pants, that allows the wearer to expand the waistline depending on the size of the meal. The three buttons at the waist have their own names etched on them: "piglet," "sow," and "boar."

FLAGS ON DUNCAN STREET are the bright idea of Kate Koeppel, a California College of Arts graduate student who lives in the 100 block of Duncan. "I started making recycled fabric color flags to hang on the street, on trees, houses, fences, and in windows. I hoped that these playful color flags would encourage neighbors to talk, meet, and at the very least, laugh and enjoy the temporary colored flags."

The project has gotten some participation up on the 600 block of Duncan. "The project started as a way to add color to Duncan Street, but is slowly becoming a way to connect neighbors and encourage neighborly behavior—learning names, sharing stories, getting together to make our street feel less anonymous," says Koeppel.

You can check out her blog at

mipiacekatedesign.com.

ON THE BEVAN DUFTY BEAT: It's hard to believe, but Bevan Dufty, Supervisor in District 8, is nearing the end of his eight-year reign. Admits Dufty, "it will end at 11:59 a.m. on January 8, 2010. After 28 years in public service, I am going to, well, retire, but I am going to start actively campaigning for mayor, with the election being on November 8, 2011." That should be exciting.

In mid-October, Dufty's legislative aide Boe Hayward took a paternity leave to await his first child, expected on Election Day. Dufty says the very popular Hayward has been a key liaison between the supervisor and many of our neighborhood activists.

Now Dufty has asked Noe Valley gadfly Todd David to take over for Hayward for the balance of Dufty's term. "Todd caught my attention last year when he was working on behalf of Alvarado School Parents, organizing what proved to be the very successful Tech Search Party, a fundraising scavenger hunt. I was impressed by how involved he was, and then with his participation in the citywide public school parents forum and his work on the successful Prop. A campaign for a school parcel tax," Dufty says. "I talked with him about [Hayward's pending] departure and if he would be interested in doing some public service work. Three months would give him the opportunity to learn the legislative process."

David agreed and started the job mid-October. Says David, "This is something I've been interested in, and it gives me an extraordinary opportunity to get involved in city government to see what works and what doesn't work. Bevan has a great understanding of how to make government work for the people and has been a strong advocate and supporter of our public schools."

By the way, Alvarado's second annual

Tech Search Party is scheduled for Nov. 13, and starts from the James Lick Auditorium on the corner of 25th and Noe streets at 5:30 p.m. Rumor has it there could be as many as 500 participants coming from all over the Bay Area.

STOP THE PRESSES: Now it's Nov. 1. The Giants won the World Series! Tonight Noe Valley erupted in spontaneous bedlam, along with the rest of San Francisco and the Bay Area. Screaming fans hit the streets, horns were honking, fireworks filled the sky, and helicopters buzzed overhead.

Congrats to Noe Valleyan Matt Cain, on both the team's victory and his spectacular pitching in Game 2 of the Series. Maybe the Giants, with Ken Murphy's help, could put together a time-lapse video showing each of his pitches in that game. We could show it at the next Friends of Noe Valley meeting.

BEFORE I GO, I want to wish everyone a happy Armistice Day, Nov. 11. Armistice Day celebrated the end of World War I, "the war that would end all wars." They changed its name to Veterans Day in the 1950s to acknowledge the American soldiers who fought and died in subsequent wars: WWII and Korea. Now add Vietnam, Gulf, and Terror. Did I miss any?

It was at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 that the Germans accepted the terms of armistice from Allied Commander Marshall Foch. WWI saw the end of the Russian and Ottoman empires. France and Great Britain divided up the spoils and called it the Treaty of Versailles. American soldiers are still fighting and dying on the terrain of the Ottoman Empire because of that failed treaty.

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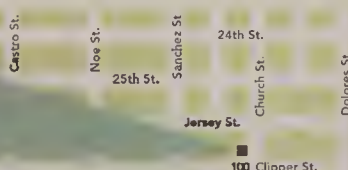
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